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The Ultimate Voter's Guide to the May 14, 2001 elections

Voter's Voice 2001 ELEKSYON

One more day

TOMORROW, May 14, 35 million voters are expected to flock to 226,690 precincts throughout the country. They will determine the fate of 17,000 candidates competing for 3,600 elective posts: 13 Senate seats; all seats in the House of Representatives, including party-list slots; governors; vice governors; provincial board members; city or town mayor; vice-mayor and city and town councilors.

For easy reference, below is the list of senatorial candidates in alphabetical order. For local candidates, please turn to the Metro Section, pages A26, A30 and A31.

For the senators' net worth, turn to Voter's Voice, page A8.

Adaza, Homobono
(Independent)

Angara, Edgardo
(LDP, Pwersa ng Masa)

Arroyo, Joker
(Ind., People Power Coalition)

Canoy, Reuben
(LDP, PnM)

Chato, Liwayway
(Ind., PPC)

De Castro, Noli
(Ind., PnM)

Defensor-Santiago, Miriam
(PRP, PnM)

Drilon, Franklin
(Ind., PPC)

Ejercito-Estrada, Luisa
(Ind., PnM)

Enrile, Juan Ponce
(Ind., PnM)

Flavier, Juan
(Lakas, PPC)

Herrera, Ernesto
(Lakas, PPC)

Honasan, Gregorio
(Ind., PnM)

Lacson, Panfilo
(LDP, PnM)

Lozano, Oliver
(KBL)

Madrigal, "Jamby"
(LDP, PnM)

Magsaysay, Ramon Jr.
(Ind., PPC)

Mercado, Orlando
(Ind., PnM)

Monsod, Solita
(Aksyon Demokratiko, PPC)

Morato, Manuel
(Independent)

Navarro, Rod
(Independent)

Osmeña, Sergio III
(PDP Laban, PPC)

Pagdanganan, Roberto
(Lakas, PPC)

Pangilinan, Francis
(Liberal Party, PPC)

Puno, Ricardo Jr.
(LDP, PnM)

Rasul, Santanina
(Ind., PnM)

Recto, Ralph G.
(Lakas, PPC)

Sabio, Camilo
(Independent)

Tamano, Ombra
(LDP, PnM)

Tañada, Wigberto
(Liberal Party, PPC)

Villar, Manuel Jr.
(Ind., PPC)

Yasay, Perfecto
(Independent)

PPC, Pwersa try to repair cracks

'May 14 vote dry run for 2004 presidential poll'

By Christine Avendaño and Dona Z. Pazzibugan

THE ADMINISTRATION'S People Power Coalition (PPC) moved swiftly to repair cracks in the alliance on the eve of what a top official of Lakas-NUCD called a "dry run" for the 2004 presidential elections.

President Macapagal-Arroyo intends to meet with Promdi president Emilio "Lito" Osmeña following the latter's announcement in Cebu City that the leaders of the three other PPC members—himself, Raul Roco of Aksyon Demokratiko and Renato de Villa of Reporma—were planning to expel Lakas, according to Joey Rufino, Lakas national executive director.

A statement issued yesterday by Lakas quoted its titular head, President Macapagal, as saying that the PPC was "intact and as strong as ever" and that it would accomplish its aim to "help change the political landscape of the country."

On the other hand, the opposition Laban ng Demokratikong Pilipino-Puwersa ng Masa (LDP-PnM) remained fragmented up to the end of the campaign despite its display of unity at its *miting de avance* Friday night at the Cuneta Astrodome in Pasay City.

Eleven of the senatorial candidates of the alliance backed by disgraced ex-President Joseph Estrada endorsed one another at the end of their speeches.

Although some of them urged the crowd to vote 0-13, not one mentioned the alliance's leading candidate, former ABS-CBN broadcaster Noli de Castro, who was a conspicuous no-show.

Candidate Reuben Canoy, who is based in Cagayan de Oro City, also failed to make it to the *miting de avance*. But he sent a message

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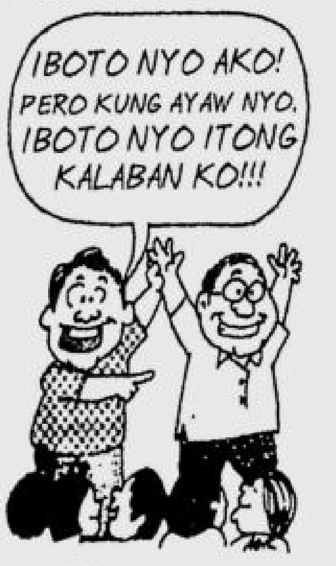
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Batanes town shows 'em how

By Juliet Cataluña
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

ITBAYAT, Batanes—Guns, goons and gold may be the tradition in Philippine elections, but in the country's northernmost town, election rivalry is at its most friendly.

Here in Itbayat, it is not

BATANES/ A19

POLITICS did this to her son, wails Elenita Damasco, a domestic helper, during the wake for her 5-year-old son John-John in her shanty in Barangay Tañong, Navotas. RANDY HORMILLOSA

EDSA TRES AFTERMATH

She'll bury son on Mother's Day

By Christian V. Esguerra

ELENITA Damasco, a 33-year-old housemaid, will mark Mother's Day by burying her son John-John at the Navotas cemetery.

Last week, her family became a victim of the government's "state of rebellion" when the five-year-old boy was killed while alleged police "zoning" was going on in Barangay Tañong, Navotas.

John-John drowned after he and his father, Romy, a pedicab driver, scampered toward the sea to escape from armed men in police uniforms.

"Until now I can't understand why my son died," Elenita, nicknamed "Baby," said in Filipino. "We don't care about politics. We just want to earn a living."

John-John's death was particularly painful for Baby since it was her second time to lose a child.

In 1988, her son by her first husband died

SHE'LL/ A19

Multi-media poll coverage at its best

By Celine R. Madamba

ELEKSYON 2001 begins its special all-media coverage tomorrow at 5 a.m. over GMA-7 and partner radio networks RGMA, Nation Broadcasting Corp. and Radyo Veritas-Catholic Media Network.

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WOMEN OF EDSA II

They mother shrine

By Blanche S. Rivera and Gladys Tolete

NO WOMAN has been in more caring company for the past decade than the Blessed Mother standing proudly at the Edsa Shrine.

And few homes have been more nurtured by the love of two solicitous mothers than the Shrine itself.

Gloria Sabian, a 51-year-old mother of five, plans to spend Mother's Day not with her real offspring, but with her second family.

The Shrine's gardens and flowers, the delight of parishioners, are her children, too.

As she has been doing for the past six years, she will be looking after her wards today.

"Aling Glo" is the mother of foliage at the historic church, where millions of people have gathered time and again to demand radical changes in government.

Marsing, as Marcelina Palmares is nicknamed, is Aling Glo's partner in making the Edsa Shrine a home for thousands of people who flock to the church on ordinary days, when there are no revolutions in the making.

But the six-day pro-Estrada rallies at the Shrine in early May took their toll on Aling Glo and Aling Marsing.

They said there was just too

THEY/ A19

Forgive us

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WORKPLACE of Gloria Sabian, who tends the gardens, and Marcelina Palmares, who cleans the premises. Together they make the shrine a home for ordinary parishioners and revolutionaries. EDWIN BACASMAS

ANG DAMI NA NIYANG "FIRST" SA KASAYSAYAN!

Erap, Jinggoy back in hospital

BY CHRISTINE HERRERA

BEFORE voting even starts at 8 a.m. tomorrow, imprisoned former President Estrada will be casting his vote in a specially designed polling precinct at the Veterans Memorial Medical Center, Philippine National Police Chief Leandro Mendoza said yesterday.

"He will have the chance to be the first Filipino to cast his ballot," the PNP chief said.

Estrada and his son, Jinggoy, were airlifted to the Quezon City hospital yesterday amid a brewing security dilemma after the Sandiganbayan ruled on Friday allowing the deposed president to cast his vote in his San Juan hometown.

Earlier yesterday, Malacañang announced that the Estradas had been transferred from their bungalow cell in Sta. Rosa, Laguna, after both complained of fever and chills, and chest pains in the case of Jinggoy.

Presidential spokesperson Rigoberto Tiglao clarified that the PNP's sudden decision to rush the Estradas to the Quezon City hospital had nothing to do with the Sandiganbayan ruling.

The PNP, arguing that it would face a security nightmare if Estrada were to be allowed to leave his Laguna detention cell and vote in his hometown, had yesterday filed a motion asking the anti-graft court to reconsider its decision.

It asked the court to instead allow a special election team to visit Estrada in his Laguna cell and receive his vote.

In the event, the idea of a special hospital polling was apparently arrived at although Malacañang and Mendoza initially could not get their stories on what exactly ailed the two prisoners to agree.

Earlier, Tiglao said Estrada had complained of fever and chills and "the suspicion is (that) he has acute bronchitis."

'Liver problem'

Coincidentally, Jinggoy also complained of "chills and pains in the right upper quadrant of his chest . . . it's like a liver problem" so he was also taken to the hospital, Tiglao said.

He clarified, however, that the Estrada father and son are not in any kind of medical emergency.

Tiglao said the President was aware of the transfer but did not issue any instructions.

"This was a call of the PNP," Tiglao said.

Mendoza said Jinggoy was brought to the VMMC after he complained of chills, abdominal pains and hypertension.

He said an initial diagnosis by PNP doctors revealed that Jinggoy may be suffering from a liver ailment.

As for the elder Estrada, Mendoza said an old problem with his knees had struck again.

"Both of Mr. Estrada's knees are being attacked by arthritis," Mendoza said.

Mendoza said that because of "health and security reasons," Estrada would not be fit to travel to San Juan to cast his vote and be voting in the special precinct to be manned by Commission on Elections officials.

Moreover, he and his son would be undergoing laboratory and medical tests, Mendoza said.

Estrada and his son will share the special polling precinct with lawyer Edward Serapio, their co-accused on plunder charges, who is being detained at the PNP Criminal Investigation and Detection Group.

Chopper trip

Mendoza said he himself fetched the Estradas by helicopter from their Fort Sto. Domingo bungalow cell yesterday afternoon. They arrived at the VMMC at around 5 p.m.

Lawyer Jay Flaminiano, a son of Estrada lawyer Jose Flaminiano, and Estrada family members were present when preparations for the transfer were made, the PNP chief said.

Mendoza expressed relief that the Estradas would no longer be brought to San Juan to vote.

"That would have been a big security nightmare," Mendoza said.

He said Estrada's being made to vote at the hospital would no longer entail a risk to the ex-president.

"At least in the hospital, Estrada would not be exposed to the crowd. He will be fully secured there. No one can easily attempt to approach and harm him unlike in a very public and open polling precinct," Mendoza said.

Fallen idol

In the Estradas' San Juan hometown, police had been bracing for the influx of Estrada loyalists and supporters who will come to see their fallen idol.

Supt. Rodrigo de Gracia, chief of the San Juan Police, said two police battalions were being deployed to secure the polling center at the Pedro Cruz Elementary School on Lope K. Santos Street where the Estradas were to cast their vote.

The disgraced Estrada was mayor of San Juan for several years before graduating into national politics.

"The former president will be accessible to his supporters, we cannot help that, it's their right to see him," De Gracia said at a briefing at the San Juan police station yesterday.

But he warned that if the situation "becomes tumultuous," the police would be forced to disperse the crowds.

De Gracia said one company of Special Action Forces from Camp Crame would be on standby for area security, while the San Juan police would take care of road security.

An intelligence beat patrol will also be roving around the polling precincts, he said.

At least 45 Board of Election Inspectors had been assigned to the Pedro Cruz Elementary School, where Estrada was to have voted at precinct 268-A, in anticipation of the crowds.

De Gracia said that Estrada would have been "treated like an ordinary voter."

"He would have to fall in line like the others, and then fill up his ballot inside the classroom, along with the rest," De Gracia said.

'It's a security problem," Larry Remular, election assistant at the local Comelec in San Juan, said. "Our job is to just make him vote, after all, he's not yet convicted, and that is his right. We have no problem with that." *With reports from Juliet Labog-Javellana and Blanche S. Rivera*

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Comelec all set for elections

BY ROCKY NAZARENO AND JEROME ANING

ALL IS set for Monday's polls, almost.

The Commission on Elections said yesterday nearly all of the ballot boxes and other paraphernalia needed to hold the May 14 polls have been shipped to precincts nationwide, except for those in three provinces, one city and one town in Southern Mindanao.

Comelec executive director for operations Mamasapunod Aguam said the election materials bound for the south were sent out Friday on a military C-130 transport but the plane broke down twice, delaying delivery to the region.

Aguam identified the affected areas as the provinces of Maguindanao, Sulu and Tawi-Tawi, the municipality of Sibugay in Zamboanga del Sur, and Pagadian City, also in Zamboanga del Sur.

The Comelec chartered a plane late yesterday to fly the materials to Zamboanga del Sur while the repaired C-130 continued on to Sulu, Tawi-Tawi and Maguindanao.

The Comelec also held a dry run yesterday on the canvassing of ballots at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC), "to give its personnel a feel for the situation," according to Aguam.

Comelec commissioners inspected the canvassing area.

Aguam said the canvassing will be open to the public but strict security will be enforced.

In Manila, the Comelec began distributing ballot boxes yesterday to the city's more than 6,000 precincts, as local officials assured residents of a fair and accurate canvassing of votes on Monday.

Starting at 8 a.m., Western District police began escorting Comelec-Manila and city treasurer's office personnel to six "staging centers" from which the ballot boxes were to be distributed to the precincts in the city's six districts.

Aniceta Laceda, elections officer in charge of canvassing, said ballot boxes, official ballots, election return forms and other supplies should be delivered by 3 p.m. today to the principals of schools that will house the precincts.

The election paraphernalia will then be distributed to the teachers who will make up the Boards of Election Inspectors beginning at 12:01 a.m. on May 14.

The canvassing will be held at the Ninoy Aquino Stadium on Sen. Pablo Ocampo Sr. (formerly Vito Cruz) Ave. in Malate.

The stadium is just behind De La Salle University where the election-watch group, the National Movement for Free Elections, will hold its "quick count" simultaneously with the Comelec's.

About 50 Marines will provide security at the stadium. The Western Police District will field 252 operatives to guard BEI chairpersons and the ballot boxes when these are taken from the precincts to the stadium. *With Mae Lorraine Rafols, Marie Carisa Ordinario, JP Andaquig and Myla Torres*

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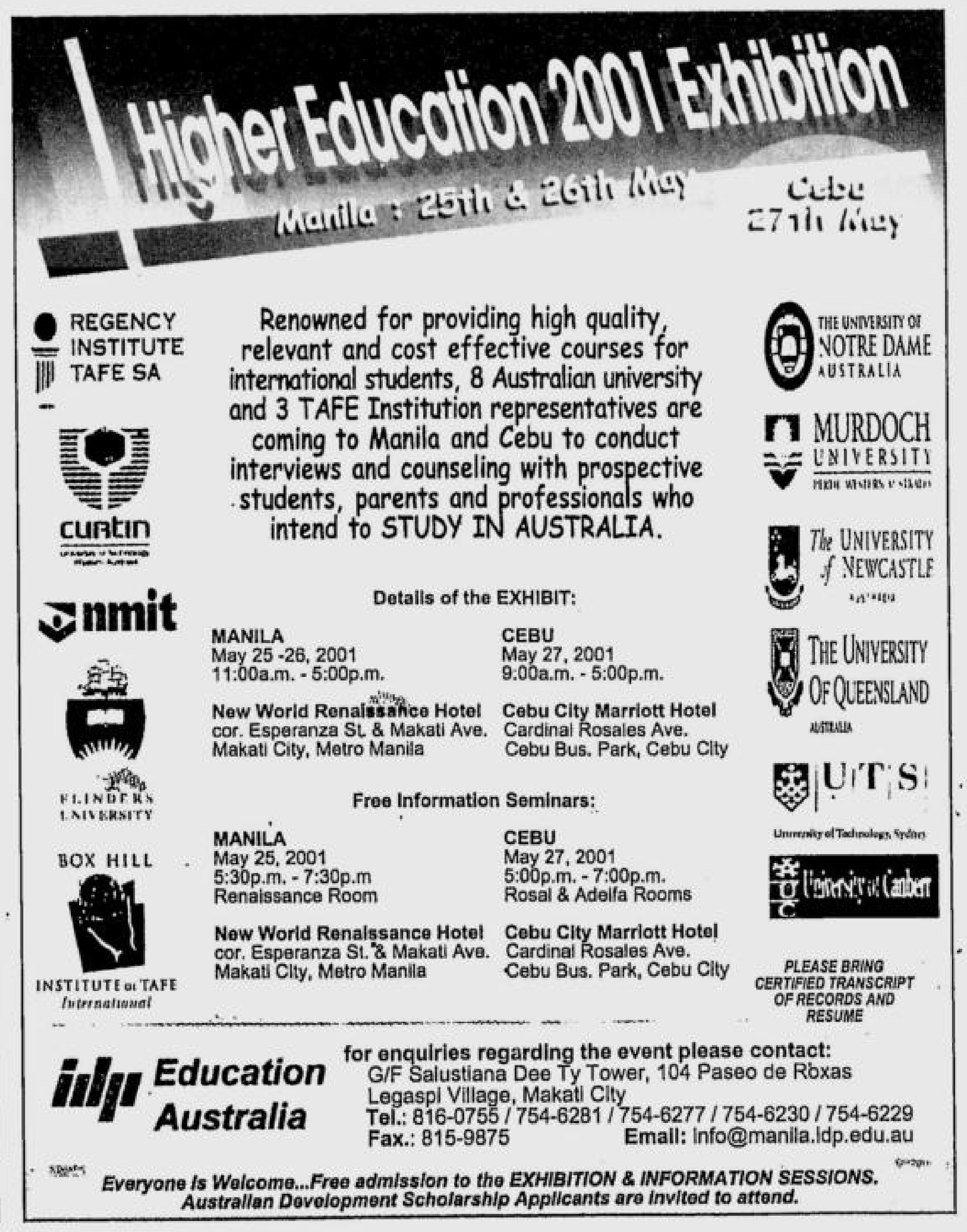
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Laguna governor disqualified

BY ROCKY NAZARENO

ONE of the two candidates for governor of Laguna has been disqualified by the Commission on Elections for allegedly using public funds to promote her candidacy and other charges.

Laguna Gov. Teresita "Ningning" Lazaro, who is seeking election on her own merits after she became governor when Joey Lina was appointed to the Cabinet, was disqualified yesterday for allegedly using P4.6 million in public funds to promote her candidacy—even before the campaign period started.

In a four-page resolution, the Comelec's Second Division acted favorably on the petition filed by Pangkat Laguna, a local political party, which alleged that Lazaro had "directed the disbursement of public funds for various donations designed to promote her candidacy," in violation of the Omnibus Election Code.

According to the Comelec, Lazaro had "ordered the purchase of 14,513 trophies, basketballs, volleyballs, darts and boards, tables, chairs, cabinets, among other things, worth a total of P4.556 million to promote her popularity as a candidate."

She was also found to have "directed the purchase of 1,760 pins and medals valued at P110,000 and 1,500 T-shirts which carried her name, picture and campaign slogan 'Sulong Laguna.'"

"All of these purchases were indicative of the respondent's evident purpose of promoting her campaign," the Comelec said.

The Comelec also ruled that Lazaro violated Section 261 of the Omnibus Election Code when she bid out 79 projects in a single day—March 28, 2001.

She had ordered the bidding for P62.187 million in infrastructure projects and P32.5 million in special educational fund projects on that day despite a Comelec resolution stating that bidding for public works contracts must be held before that date.

Lazaro's disqualification hands the governorship to the only other candidate—Bert Lina, brother of the former governor who is now secretary of interior and local governments. *With Marie Carisa Ordinario and Mae Lorainne Rafols*

Filipino sailor held in US for family massacre

MIAMI—A cruise ship employee who allegedly murdered his wife and three children in the Philippines was arrested by US government agents near the Port of Miami.

Danilo Afalla, a 40-year-old Filipino, surrendered without incident Friday when confronted by US marshals and Immigration and Naturalization Service agents, officials said.

Afalla is suspected by Filipino officials of the murder of his 40-year-old wife, Recy, daughter Chinny, 13, and sons Mark, 11, and Michael, 5. Officials said their bludgeoned and hogtied bodies were found on April 18 wrapped in sheets in a shallow grave alongside a river.

Afalla fled the Philippines shortly after the discovery and was working on a cruise ship on April 24 when it docked in Kingston, Jamaica, officials said. Authorities believe he caught a flight to Miami on the pretense of flying home, but did not take his connecting flight and remained in South Florida.

Acting on a tip, government agents discovered Afalla was living in an apartment near the port. He was arrested while riding in a car.

Afalla is being held without bond at the INS Krome detention center west of Miami pending a deportation hearing. It could not be determined late Friday if he has been assigned an attorney. *AP*

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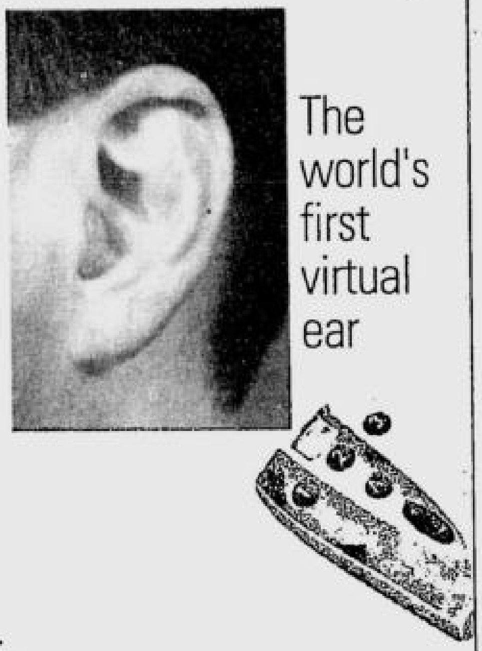

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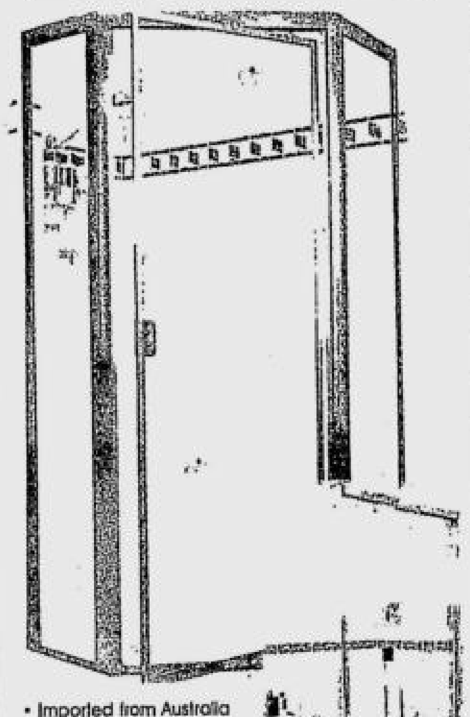

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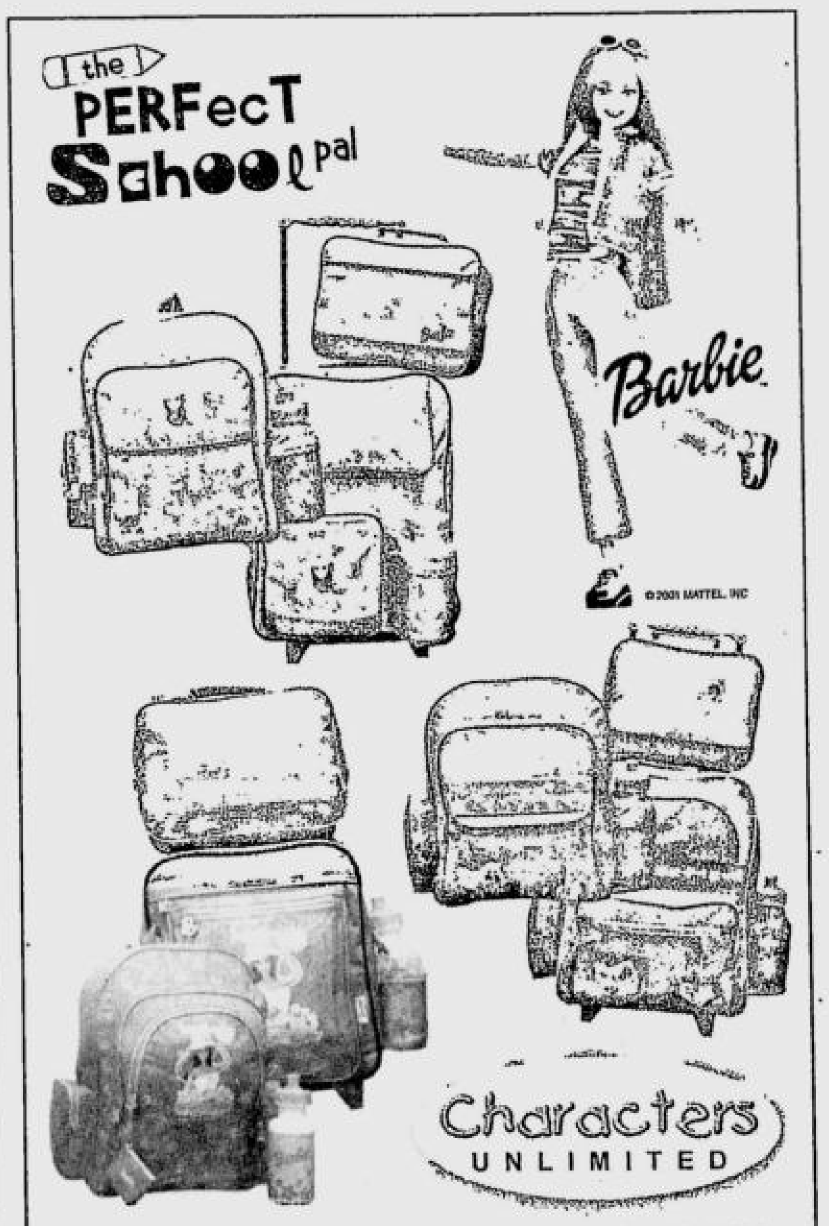

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Gloria bares plot to kill her, son

By Juliet L. Javellana

A NINE-MAN hit squad composed of ex-military men was out to get her family, President Macapagal-Arroyo revealed yesterday.

In an interview over dzRH radio, the President said an assassination attempt was to be carried out between April 29 and May 2 particularly targeting her and her eldest son, Juan Miguel or Mikey, who is running for vice governor of Pampanga.

"According to intelligence reports, the plan was to be implemented between April 29 and May 2 if former President Joseph Estrada was not reinstated in Malacañang. It was apparently timed with the power grab (on May 1)," Ms Macapagal said.

On May 1, thousands of Estrada supporters egged on by opposition figures stormed the Presidential Palace seeking to overthrow Macapagal and reinstall Estrada.

It took combined police and military forces the better part of the day to drive back the attackers, resulting in four deaths and over a hundred injuries.

In succeeding days, President Macapagal disclosed the existence of a plot supposedly hatched by certain opposition figures to assassinate her and Estrada and install a civilian-military junta to rule the country.

On May 5, Mikey Arroyo received an envelope containing five live bullets.

"The envelope was sent anonymously to his campaign headquarters in Pampanga, and the intelligence reports said the liquidation squad was also based in Pampanga," Ms Macapagal said.

Presidential spokesperson Rigoberto Tiglao said the hit squad was composed of "ex-military men" and was connected to the alleged plot to oust Ms Macapagal.

After the May 1 siege, the President claimed that opposition figures Juan Ponce Enrile, Gregorio Honasan, Ernesto Maceda and Adel Antonino had proposed a power-sharing scheme with her which she turned down.

Tiglao would not say if the liquidation squad was linked to this group.

"The President is taking the threat seriously," Tiglao said.

He said the information was contained in two separate intelligence reports submitted to the President.

Enrile, Maceda, Honasan and another opposition senatorial candidate, Panfilo Lacson, have continuously denied involvement in any attempt to oust Macapagal.

Enrile and Maceda have been charged with rebellion and inciting to rebellion, respectively, in connection with the May 1st incident, while Honasan and Lacson managed to elude authorities and so far have escaped charges.

Mayoral bet's son wounded in ambush

GENERAL SANTOS CITY—The son of a mayoral candidate and his policeman-bodyguard were seriously wounded in an ambush by unidentified armed men at a remote village in Tampakan, South Cotabato, early yesterday.

The victims were identified as Bernard Barroso, 27, son of Mayor Claudius Barroso of Tampakan who is running for reelection, and his bodyguard, PO1 Ronimel Leysa, of the Tampakan police force.

Barroso and some supporters were on their way home from Barangay Pula Bato when they were waylaid at 12:20 a.m.

As of noon yesterday, Barroso, who was hit in the forehead, remained in critical condition at a private hospital in Koronadal City.

Leysa, who was hit in the back, was declared out of danger by attending physicians.

Insp. Marvin Fontalba, Tampakan police chief, said that despite receiving death threats, Barroso and his group went to Pula Bato late Friday afternoon to meet with their local leaders and to distribute food to their supporters.

On the way back just after midnight, in the vicinity of Purok Sampaguita, the armed men suddenly appeared and started firing at the group.

Leysa and another policeman, identified only as PO1 Callejo, fired back giving the rest of their group a chance to get away.

The suspects fled on board a cargo truck toward Columbio town in Sultan Kudarat.

Mayor Barroso, who is running under the Nationalist People's Coalition, refused to give a statement to the media on the incident.

Security measures were tightened in Tampakan, which was not included on the list of election hotspots identified by the Comelec.

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8 die in Quezon truck collision

LUCENA CITY-Eight people, six of them members of one family, died when the van they were riding in was hit by a 10-wheeler truck that had collided with another truck along the Maharlika Highway in Barangay Concepcion, Sariaya, Quezon, early on Friday.

Police identified the dead as Lydia Cruz Felix, 60; Gloria Felix, 40; Jonathan Felix, 22; Jaypee Felix, 17; Jervin Felix, 16; Gerard Felix, 15; Bernard Landoy, 22, all residents of 6714 Salvador Estate, Sucat Road, Parañaque; and Noel Tagle, 31, a resident of Signal Village, Taguig, Metro Manila.

The eight, who were riding a Kia van en route to Marinduque to attend a fiesta celebration, all died on the spot.

Four other passengers of the van were injured: Marvin Sadiwa, 20, and his brother Martin, 22, both residents of Gasan, Marinduque; Evelyn Felix, 41, and Jazmin Galvez, 23, of Negros Occidental.

According to a Sariaya police report, an Alfa Fuso truck that was traveling south toward Bicol was hit by an Isuzu 10-wheeler truck traveling in the opposite direction.

On being hit, the Isuzu swerved to the left, causing it to bump into the Kia van that was also traveling south in the direction of this city.

The Isuzu dragged the van for several meters along the highway's shoulder. *Delfin T. Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

Rosaries for clean polls, Edsa penance end today

By Norman Bordadora

FIFTY days of the rosary for clean and honest elections and two weeks of penance for the desecration of the Church ends today as Manila Archbishop Jaime Cardinal Sin leads an outdoor gathering at the Edsa Shrine to ask for the preservation of the gains of People Power I and II.

Msgr. Socrates Villegas said the rains would not stop the faithful from pushing through with the reconsecration of the Edsa Shrine and ending the two weeks of reparation of Catholics in Metro Manila for the desecration of the Shrine during the six-day pro-Estrada demonstration.

Processions, from Malacañang and four different Churches in Metro Manila, will converge on the corner of the historic highway and Ortigas Avenue to participate in the last major gathering of people before the electorate marches to the polls tomorrow.

Villegas, Sin's spokesperson and rector of the Edsa Shrine, earlier revealed that the ceremonies would include prayers asking forgiveness for the Church leaders and the business elite's neglect of the plight of the poor and those asking forgiveness for the desecration of the Shrine.

Sin asked that urban poor organizations in the parishes and communities within the jurisdiction of the Archdiocese of Manila to participate in the meaningful event that seeks to bring to a close all the hurt that resulted from the pro-Estrada demonstration and the riots in Malacañang.

The ceremonies, which would include a praying of the rosary and the Cardinal's outdoor celebration of the Holy Mass, also marks the end of the 50 Days of the Holy Rosary campaign of the Catholic Church to pray for peaceful and honest elections tomorrow.

An advisory from the Edsa Shrine announced that the image of Our Lady of Fatima would be brought subsequently to the headquarters of the National Movement for Free Elections for it will be "enshrined" for the next several days to "inspire" the citizen's volunteers in the quick count.

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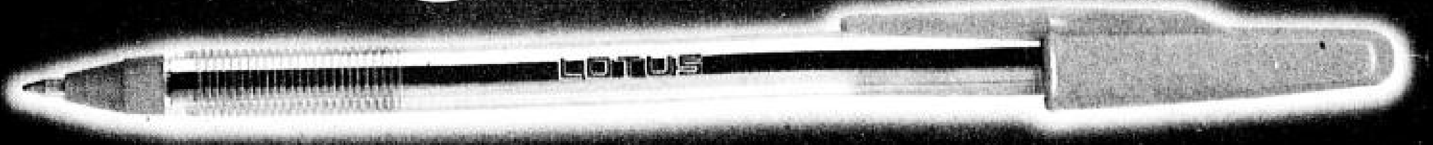

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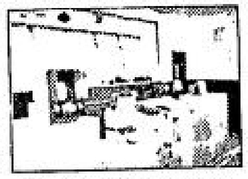
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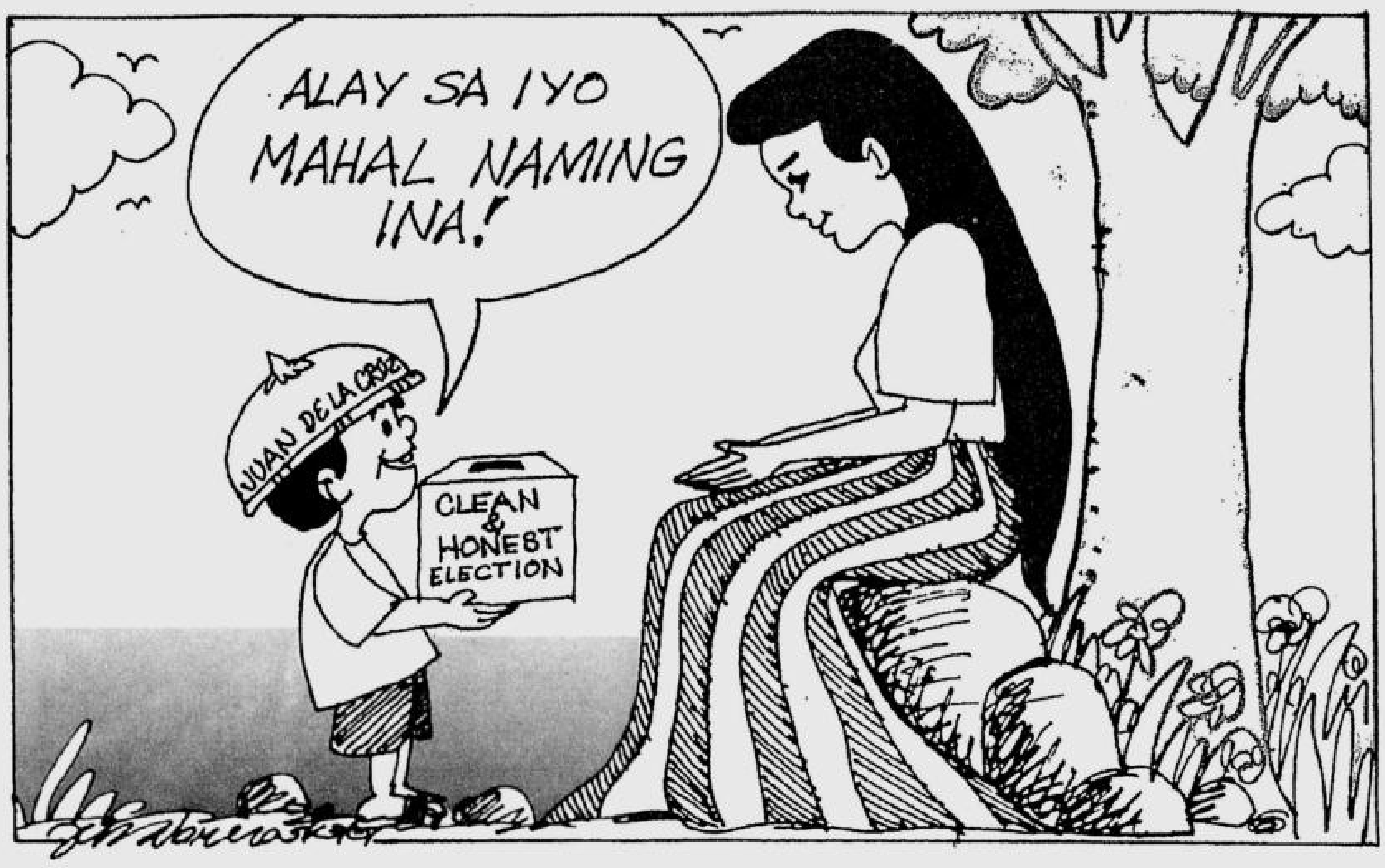

EDITORIALS

Back to the polls

THE NATION goes to the polls tomorrow under the shadow of the May 1 mob attack on Malacañang. The three-month-old government of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo crushed the assault which had the makings of a coup attempt. The political leaders who incited the rabble to storm the Palace are not in jail. They were back in the hustings addressing the crowds to win votes but no longer inflaming them to the frenzy of mob rule.

No one can say for certain whether the bloody May Day affair and the survival of the government will have a political backlash on any group. We are even less sure of whether the backlash, if ever there is such a thing, would help the government or the opposition senatorial candidates. The most recent public opinion poll surveys don't show any fallout from that violent rampage. Only the results of the elections will show how the attempt at a power grab changed the complexion of the political contest.

Still one thing is clear: the elections have channeled political conflict over the legitimacy of the new government from the streets to the voting precincts. The elections have defused the incendiary content of political competition.

In terms of poll violence, we are back to normal. But so far the level of violence provoked by the heat of the campaign has not been very much higher than it has always been since the introduction of elections in this country. The national police are on nationwide alert, as they had always been in the past elections, and as usual there's plenty of loose talk and warnings about poll cheating. But at least no one is goading the masses to violent adventures to seize power.

The immediate lesson that commands our attention from the turbulent May Day event is that elections are not a mere ritual of democracy. The mere exercise of the right to vote or of going to the polling station does not ensure democratic and good governance. Elections are only the beginning of citizenship. Many things flow from the right to vote.

Right to choose

MORE than anything else, elections are about making choices. Citizens are offered the chance of choosing people who will lead them (on the local level) and write laws (on the national level) and who will be accountable to them.

Whether the people will be governed well depends upon their choices. They may not have much choice about political policies and programs, for indeed, elections in this country are not driven by party policies. But it cannot be said that the citizens lack information about the qualifications of men and women who seek public office. If the right to choose is not wisely used for whatever reason, we are likely to elect leaders whose incompetence or dishonesty we will regret sooner or later. It will take another three or six years to correct bad choices. Unfortunate choices generate unrest. The nation paid dearly for the results of the 1998 elections. The people could not endure another four years of bad government, so they made a correction in the form of Joseph Estrada's ouster from the presidency.

Extra-constitutional ways of changing leaders are controversial and lead to continuing turmoil and political instability. They create more political problems than they solve. The May Day rioting arose from the questions over the legitimacy of Ms Macapagal's assumption of the presidency. The Supreme Court, Congress, the diplomatic community and the Armed Forces may have put a stamp of legitimacy on her administration, but clearly this did not quash challenges, including violent ones, to her administration.

What the crises of December-January and of May tell us is that it is critically important to examine carefully the fitness of office-seekers and to use the ballot as an instrument of change and good governance. Implicit in this choice is that the citizens should not sell their votes. If citizens are careless with their votes, thinking that the mere act of voting is magic that produces instant good governance, they will inevitably pay for their mistakes. Such mistakes make self-fulfilling the dictum that the people deserve the government that they elect. We are now paying for those mistakes.

Rationalizing the elections

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

I SHALL not presume to tell you how to vote for there's no doubt you can do this by yourselves without gratuitous advice from me. I can't say the same, however, for many of our electorate who are not as perceptive and civic-minded as you are.

I'm thinking particularly of those who elevated Joseph Estrada to Malacañang despite his obvious lack of qualifications. A considerable number of them are still inanely supporting him notwithstanding his many exposed heinous offenses. It matters not that their tarnished hero is in serious danger of being imprisoned for his enormous sins. This could be for the rest of his life if it is not cut short by lethal injection.

It is with these misguided citizens that I would like to share, if I may, my thoughts on the coming elections. This may be a futile task. They're likely to ignore and perhaps even disdain my views as arrant nonsense. But I would like to offer them just the same for whatever they may be worth.

To begin with, let me stress that not everyone of our citizens is entitled to vote. This right is available only to Filipinos who are 18 years old or over and have resided in the Philippines for at least one year and in the place where they propose to vote for at least six months immediately preceding the election.

In addition, they must not be disqualified by law. They will not be allowed to vote if, for example, they have been sentenced to not less than one year imprisonment or convicted by final judgment of a crime involving disloyalty to the government or against the national security. In both cases, the disability will be effective within five years after service of the sentence unless earlier removed by pardon.

This means that when we vote, we do not vote for ourselves alone. We also vote for the rest of the Filipino people who cannot vote because they are either not qualified or are disqualified.

Every single Filipino voter votes, nationally or in his particular constituency, for those below the age of 18, are suffering from some mental or physical handicap, do not have the requisite residence, may have failed to register, or have been deprived of their suffrage by a court of law. In short, the 36.5 million registered voters bespeak the will of the 76 million Filipinos constituting the entire population of our country.

Those of our citizens who cannot exercise the right of suffrage have a stake, like us, in the welfare of our republic. They also deserve a better future. As they cannot directly pursue this goal, they will have to look to us to represent them in the coming elections. Through us, they can participate, albeit only vicariously, in the choice of our leaders in the Congress and the local governments.

It should be obvious that, owing to the fiduciary nature of our function, we must discharge it with full fidelity to the trust they have reposed in us. None of us can say that his right to vote is his alone to use or to misuse. This is absolutely untrue. The enfranchised citizen who misuses his vote--as when he sells it or casts it for an actor only because he is handsome—betrays not only himself but also the other citizens he is supposed to represent.

Many of us take the right to vote for granted, regarding it as an ordinary privilege like seeing a movie or eating in a restaurant. They couldn't be more wrong. Suffrage is an extraordinary right not available to many people in this imperfect world. It is as rare as true freedom in lands still under the heel of totalitarian regimes.

To appreciate its real worth, one need only recall the long queues of voters who in 1991 patiently awaited their turn to vote for Nelson Mandela as their president. The black people of South Africa had long been denied this political exercise by their apartheid government. To the millions of citizens who were savoring it at last, and for the first time, it was worth standing in the sun for hours to be able to express their sovereign will.

To take a nearer example, who can forget how our suffrage was mocked during the martial law regime? We were *required* to vote then on pain of punishment, but it was all part of the play. Rather than block-vote for the KBL, we wrote "Tupperware Party" or "Birthday Party" on our ballots as our protest against the enforced charade. In 1986, votes cast for Cory Aquino were counted for Ferdinand Marcos and questioned election returns were "asterisked" by the Batasang Pambansa. It was the national indignation over the travesty of that election that ignited Edsa I.

The restoration of democratic government in 1986 could have sanitized the election process under the 1987 Constitution, but the vices of the old system reappeared soon enough. The private armies were mobilized. Vote-buying became rampant again. Political dynasties, spurned under the new charter, grew even viler. The term limits for elective officials saw members of the same families blandly replacing each other in the political game of musical chairs.

In the past, the contending political parties discussed platforms and issues. Now the candidates sing and dance to prove their eligibility for public office. It should elate us, though, that a fresh wind seems to be blowing. Winnie Monsod challenged Miriam Defensor-Santiago to a debate, but the usually feisty "non-insect" did not dare accept. In future, such cerebral contests should raise the level of campaigning from the vulgar vaudeville entertainment it has become.

Our sad experience with Joseph Estrada should open the eyes of the masses to the need for a more circumspect exercise of their precious right of suffrage. They were deceived in 1998, but I hope they will see the light this time. I fervently pray they will not squander their ballots on more miserable misfits like Erap who would only cheapen and debilitate our democracy. Let us be done with dimwits and demagogues and start anew on a more rational note.

Love one another

MOMENTS

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

"LOVE one another as I have loved you!" (Jn. 13, 31-35) How fitting are these words of Jesus for all of us as we celebrate Mother's Day today. The deepest wish of any mother is for peace and unity to reign in the family. And, the greatest pain for any mother is the thought that she has failed in fostering peace and unity among her children because they are quarreling among themselves or are not talking with each other. It's a good question to raise: Am I a source of unity or am I a source of division in my family? Am I a source of joy or a source of heartache to my own mother?

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They say that God cannot be everywhere all the time so He created mothers. This world goes on because there are mothers who continue to love and continue to care. Mothers deserve love most, but the irony of it all is that they are the ones who are the least loved and appreciated, and the ones who are most hurt or taken for granted. But a mother's heart will never give up loving. Only a mother's heart can approximate God's heart when it comes to loving. Mothers, bless your hearts!

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Little things do mean a lot, especially for our mothers. *Mababaw lang ang kaligayahan nila.* Like a phone call, for instance. I am a very busy person, but I call my mother every day. What's a three- to five-minute call to someone who spent countless hours taking care of you? With Mama and me, it's basically the same conversation, the same questions: "Hello Jerry" (Yes, ma!); "Are you okay?" (Yes, ma!) "Your medicines?" (Yes, ma!), "*O, yong grasya?*" (*Maraming grasya, ma!*) Something simple like that, but, it makes her happy and it makes me happy too because it makes her happy.

How often do you call your mother? When was the last time you called your mother, or wrote or hugged her? Do it now, not later when she will not be around anymore to receive your call or your letter or feel the warmth of your embrace.

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How fitting too the words "Love one another" on the eve of the elections when we choose again our brothers and sisters who will be leaders of our motherland. What sort of leaders will we have? It all depends on us. Let us not elect brothers and sisters who are selfish and corrupt; they will plunder the wealth of our motherland. Let us not elect those who do not have the ability to lead; they will just bring confusion to our motherland. Let us not elect those who have no morals and values; they will just dishonor our motherland. Let us be vigilant and protect our motherland as much as we protect and care for our own members.

A caravan of about 30 vehicles which started from Cagayan last May 9 ended last May 10 at Christ the King Seminary to bring home the message for clean, honest, peaceful and responsible elections this May 14. This was organized by the Philippine SVD that seeks to make the Divine World alive in our present day and time. Let us continue to take part in the healing of our motherland.

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Don't forget Our Lady of Fatima today. Mama Mary will take care of our motherland as she has done so beautifully and concretely in the past. Our motherland remains consecrated to our Mother Mary, so our country is in good hands. Also let us ask Mama Mary to bless our mothers and all mothers today so that they will continue to be persevering in their mission to love. The mission of a mother is to love. Period.

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Last Saturday, May 5, we had a Walk With God to Manaoag. About 4,000 joined us in the 3-and-a-half hour, 3-kilometer walk from Urdaneta, Pangasinan, to thank Mama Mary and to ask her intercession for peace, love and unity in our families, and in our country that ended with a Mass at the shrine. Mama Mary always leads us to her Son, not to herself.

Politicians would do well to follow the example of Sonny Sison who started this walk with me every first Saturday of May and October since 1989. He drops all campaign schedules in favor of being with Mama Mary. He humbly asserts that prayer accomplishes more things, and that we should please God first, more than anybody else.

He is right. So let's all pray more!

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If you love your mother, make her happy. Why make the person who has loved you much, hurt, worried, or sad? And, if you love someone, express it. Mother's Day reminds us to make our mothers happy, and to express our love and gratitude for them and our loved ones while they are still alive. I would like to share with you again this poem that says it all.

One Little Rose

I would rather have one little rose
From the garden of a friend
Than have the choicest flowers
When my stay on earth must end.

I would rather have one pleasant word
In kindness said to me
Than flattery when my heart is still
And life has ceased to be.

I would rather have a loving smile
From friends I know are true
Than tears shed around my casket
When this world I've bid adieu.
So bring me all your flowers today
Whether pink, or white, or red;
I'd rather have one blossom now
Than a truckload when I'm dead.

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A moment with the Lord:
Lord, I thank you for my own mother. Thank you for giving us our Blessed Mother. Bless and preserve unity in our country, our people, our motherland, the Philippines. Amen.

Beware of massive cheating

CROSSCURRENTS

Antonio T. Carpio

THE NATION seems to anticipate a worst-case scenario of widespread violence disrupting the national elections tomorrow, May 14. Rumors abound that malls and other public places will be bombed. Media attention is riveted on a possible failure of election due to violence, coming from those who masterminded the failed power grab last May 1.

Failure of election throughout the nation is a physical impossibility. There are far more peaceful polling places than violence-prone ones nationwide. The number of voting precincts that may possibly be affected by violence cannot exceed 5 percent.

Under the Election Code, the Commission on Elections can declare a failure of election only in specific municipalities, cities or provinces where the violence is of such a nature that the holding of a free, orderly and honest election is physically impossible. Historically, in one out of every three national elections, the Comelec declared a failure of election in a few municipalities, mostly in Muslim areas in Mindanao where violence was widespread before and even after the elections. A repeat of this scenario will not cause a failure of the May 14 elections.

The hype over widespread violence disrupting the elections may actually be a ruse to hide a more insidious plot: massive electoral cheating. While everyone is on the lookout for bombs planted in malls and other public places in urban areas, the *dagdag-bawas* brigades may be quietly deploying in rural areas their stolen ballots and fake election returns.

What could negate the May 14 elections is not the failure to hold the elections but the failure to make the election results credible. Last month, a Comelec employee was caught red-handed spiriting out of the National Printing Office genuine Comelec ballots. During the same period, another Comelec employee assigned at the National Printing Office was denounced for peddling genuine ballots.

There are syndicates offering candidates genuine ballots at P250 each, with the syndicate taking care of stuffing the ballots inside the ballot boxes. These ballots bear the Comelec watermarks as well as the security marks known only to Comelec commissioners. Apparently, the syndicates hoodwinked the Comelec into hiring their people to guard the printing of ballots at the National Printing Office. We can only speculate how many genuine ballots were spirited out by these syndicates.

In a closely contested mayoral fight, 5,000 stuffed ballots can easily give a candidate the winning margin. This will cost an unscrupulous candidate only P1.25 million, a measly price to pay to win a coveted public office. We can only surmise how many candidates fighting for survival and determined to win at any cost have engaged the services of these syndicates. This kind of cheating, however, is usually limited to local election contests.

What is really alarming is that last month the owner of Ernest Printing, the private company that printed all the Comelec election returns, publicly complained that Comelec Commissioner Luz Tancangco attempted twice to bring out the negatives and offset plates of the election returns. Any private printer in possession of these negatives and offset plates can print overnight thousands of election returns.

The election returns are far easier to fake because the paper on which the returns are printed bears no security marks. Unlike the paper used in the ballots, the paper used in the election returns has no watermarks. The paper used in the election returns is commercially available in the local market. Anyone with oodles of money can buy any quantity of this paper.

The Comelec security marks in the election returns are embedded in the negatives and offset plates and are known only to Comelec commissioners. Even Comelec officials at the precinct and canvassing levels do not know these security marks. The presence or absence of these security marks will be known only if there is an election contest, which will be long after the proclamation of the winning candidates.

The poll watchers will not know if the paper used in the election returns is genuine or not. There are no watermarks in the paper of the election returns which are visible to the naked eye. These watermarks are only found in the paper used in the ballots, an important factor which makes ballots difficult to fake. Ironically, an election return, which contains thousands of votes, is easier to fake than a single ballot.

The Board of Election Inspectors fill up the election returns at the precinct level, based on the results of the ballot count. The election returns are then transmitted to the Municipal or City Board of Canvassers. It is during this transmittal stage that fake election returns are inserted to replace the genuine election returns. This normally happens in remote and inaccessible precincts, like in Muslim areas in Mindanao.

The use of fake election returns is a massive, wholesale form of electoral cheating. It will certainly damage the credibility of the national elections because it could affect the last three slots in the Senate race. Indeed, this is where certified electoral cheats will focus their attention: the last three slots in the Senate race. This is what the entire nation should guard against.

Tancangco, chair of the Comelec committee on printing, has warned the public of *dagdag-singit*, blaming the judiciary for the insertion of names of voters who are either fictitious or are not bona fide residents of the barangay. This kind of electoral irregularity, even if it exists, cannot possibly be so widespread as to damage the credibility of the national elections. *Dagdag-singit* is either a nuisance, a figment of one's imagination, or more ominously another ruse to hide a more sinister plot.

That sinister plot could very well be the massive use of fake election returns in remote areas where media and the Namfrel are nowhere to be found.

Mother stories

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

SHE was the town belle, vivacious and intelligent, called in by the local worthies every time there was a visiting American colonial official because she was fluent in English as well as in Spanish. Her days were filled with activity: tennis, piano, good works with the church. The daughter of a prominent and landed family, she had her choice of suitors, but fell in love with a handsome clerk who had studied at the Ateneo de Manila University but belonged to a family of much humbler circumstances.

And so when she ran off to marry him, it was in defiance of her family's wishes and of social mores. They settled in a seaside barrio "where nobody else knew who they were," and there, even as she bore her first child, she spent all of her time tutoring her husband in English so he could hurdle the civil service exams.

Upon passing the test, he got appointed as a deputy provincial treasurer in far-off Palawan, but without hesitation, she packed her meager belongings, picked up her young son and set off with her husband to unknown parts. This would mark the beginning of some 30 years of wandering the islands, as her husband moved from posting to posting throughout the country. Through the years, she bore seven more children and set up a small catering business on the side to augment her husband's civil service salary.

The family would find a second hometown in Tacloban where they stayed longest since they were caught there by the War. It was in Tacloban where she would see three of her children marry and where she endured the death of a son and of a beloved grandchild. Though she survived the War, it is said that my paternal *lola*, Pacita Tabuena Jimenez, died of a broken heart from the War's stresses and consequences. But she died in Bacolod, in yet another posting for my Lolo Ponso, a loyal and steadfast wife to the end.

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SHE belonged to a landed family in Pangasinan but married a young, entrepreneurial migrant from a neighboring town. Tragedy marked their early years of marriage, as the first two children, both boys, would die one after the other in the course of a cholera epidemic. According to family lore, she and her husband had just come home after their first-born's burial when they were told that the second boy had succumbed, too. So when another son was born months later, he was, in the words of a local expression, "coddled like an egg." She would have seven more children, but it was the death of another child that blighted the marriage and family.

Purita was the beloved oldest daughter, her father's favorite. The girl was a real musical prodigy, her talent surfacing so early that when she was asked to play the organ during Sunday Mass, she had difficulty reaching the pedals because she was so small. Reluctantly, but with pride, the couple agreed to send her to a convent boarding school in Manila, where her talent could be further honed. It was while under the nuns' care that one day Purita felt sharp pains in her abdomen. The nuns gave her laxative but it ended up killing her as her swollen appendix burst.

Right after the funeral, Purita's father brought an axe to the piano and forbade its presence in his home for the rest of his life. He also "removed himself from family affairs," thereafter becoming a remote presence among his surviving children. But his wife soldiered on, bearing more children, running their lives even as adults, and becoming something of a town legend with her mercurial temper and imperious airs.

I am proud to be the granddaughter of Emilia Ungson Braganza, from whom I think the "dona" genes in the family spring.

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ONE last story, one last mother. My mother, Narni Braganza Jimenez.

She had little to commend her for a pioneering life. The youngest daughter of a fairly prosperous family, she was athletic and sporty but spoiled, with little knowledge of and experience in domestic responsibilities. She was renowned as the town beauty, what with a fair complexion and a pair of deep dimples. In fact, my father fell in love with her when he saw her atop a fiesta float while she reigned as the Fiesta Queen.

So you can imagine her parents' distress when they found out that right after the wedding, my father was bringing her to a virtual wilderness, settling in Polomolok in the Koronadal Valley in Cotabato. Papa was then working as an aide to Gen. Paulino Santos, the head of the resettlement authority that oversaw the transplantation of landless peasants from Luzon and the Visayas into the unexplored plains of Mindanao.

It was not an easy life. Mosquitoes were not only an irritant but bore the very real danger of malaria. Disease and illness were rampant. I cannot even imagine what she felt as she buried her first-born, Cesar or Chip, who died in Polomolok as a baby from gastroenteritis.

Sadly, they would leave the little nipa hut and farm in Polomolok during Liberation, fleeing on foot from the retreating Japanese, the guerrillas and the Moro bandits. They would return there just one more time, in the 1960s, to retrieve Chip's remains and bury them in a niche in the church in her hometown.

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IT'S obvious why I tell these stories here, today being Mother's Day. But I also share them with you to remind myself what it takes to be a wife and mother. When I complain about a shortfall in the household budget, rising electricity bills, or surly teenage children, I need only remember the women who came before me. They endured alienation from family, impermanence, uncertainty, danger and tragedy to follow their hearts and their stars. We remember them best by becoming the brave and beautiful mothers they were.

The 2001 elections

PUBLIC LIVES

Randy David

THE IMMEDIATE challenge facing the Macapagal government is not whether it can produce a 13-0 sweep in the senatorial race, but whether it can conduct credible and orderly elections under conditions of heightened political tension. In the eyes of the world, this is the real test of its viability as a government.

In a span of only six months, we have gone through at least four wrenching political episodes. In December, we impeached a sitting president on charges of corruption, a first in our history. The aborted trial became a sensation on national television. In January, through a non-violent people power uprising, we forced a democratically elected president to step down from office.

Then we did what was previously regarded unthinkable: we arrested and detained the same person who, just three months earlier, was the country's most powerful official. In the aftermath of this historic arrest, the supporters of the deposed president boiled in self-pity and fury over five nights of inflammatory and seditious speeches. On May Day, they exploded in a reckless early morning siege on the Presidential Palace, hoping to turn the military and the rest of the nation against President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo. Now, two weeks later, having survived a "state of rebellion," we expect everyone to simmer down and settle the score at the polling precinct as if everything had been just a bad night?

That we can at all contemplate holding elections under these circumstances is in itself incredible. We are either incurable optimists, ever trusting in the healing power of rituals, or we have not fully understood what we are going through. Or both.

This is the story of our gradual awakening to the power of politics as a tool for social transformation. Before this, law and politics for us were objects of awe and reverence rather than active tools of the collective life. We went through the rituals of elections and of formal government without understanding what they were supposed to achieve. That is because they were not our own invention; we copied them from our colonial masters and to this day we are still trying to reconcile them to our cultural sensibility.

Ferdinand Marcos made the first decisive break from this colonial legacy when he staged a coup on his own government in 1972 and used the emergency powers of the presidency to create what he called a "new society." He hijacked an ongoing constitutional convention, and caused the writing of a Constitution that would give him all the powers he needed to reinvent Philippine society.

That experiment ended dismally. Absolute power corrupted Marcos absolutely.

The dark years of martial law became fertile ground for a revolutionary social movement. The gathering force of the revolution threatened to get rid not just of Marcos but of the entire infrastructure of elite rule. Ferment was also taking place among the young officers of the Armed Forces. Their orientation was not so much socialist as it was nationalist, and their preferred model was not a popular revolution but a putsch. In such a setting, the middle classes found themselves torn: they feared revolution and military rule as much as they detested the Marcos dictatorship. The assassination of Ninoy Aquino in 1983 gave them a hero, and an alternative to a violent revolution.

The funeral march of two million people that accompanied Aquino to his grave was the first expression of people power. Those numbers were mobilized in the snap election campaign for Cory, and they showed up at Edsa again in 1986. The revolutionary Left chose to stay away from Edsa, leaving the political stage completely to the awakened middle classes. Thus was the first people power born.

The young military officers wanted a share of political power. Having launched a failed coup against Marcos, they thought they had earned it. When they could not get it from the new government, they launched seven coup attempts against it. With the Left and the military out of the picture, the old political elite and land-based oligarchy were soon restored to their pre-martial law glory. The centuries-old problems of poverty and social inequality that filled the radical agenda were as a result swept aside.

It was then that Erap came into the picture. In 1998, he successfully tapped the dormant resentments of the poor against elitist rule and captured the presidency. But he had no program or vision for the poor. He was just a small-time politician with a huge appetite for money.

Erap's political allies and supporters could not accept his summary ouster by people power. They tried to restore him by the legal route, but the Supreme Court rebuffed them twice. On May 1, they tried their own version of people power. But at the crucial hour, the leaders abandoned the masses and opened them to a massacre. Once again, they failed to win the heart and mind of the nation.

But they have kept their electoral options open, and that's where we are today. If they win, they will likely use their positions to nullify People Power II. If they lose, they will cry fraud, and move on to Plan B, whatever that may be. Election 2001 may well be a trigger for another attempt at a so-called "Edsa III." The government now realizes that the only way to prevent them from again exploiting the legitimate grievances of the poor is by acts of reconciliation with the poor. There is no way to do that now other than by radically revising the goals and priorities of government. Lito Lapid cannot do that for Ate Glo. Time is running out fast.

It is drizzling outside, but an eerie stillness surrounds us. We know we are in the middle of a storm.

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Evil hidden in deception

> *The feeling that a healthy person often experiences in a relationship with an evil one is revulsion. The evil are "the people of the lie" deceiving others as they also build layer upon layer of self-deception.*
>
> *—Scott Peck*

COMMENTARY

Jesus Enrique G. Saplala

FELLOW psychologists might tell me that I am misusing psychology, that, as Scott Peck puts it, "is a bit frightening….to imagine scenarios of what might happen if and when the public gets hold of scientific information concerning evil." I do not claim to be a guardian of moral behavior, but I am more frightened with what has been happening to us in the last few weeks. As a psychologist and as a Christian, I feel that it is my moral obligation to help others get some enlightenment about recent events.

I have always taught my students that some of us Filipinos are more prone to "crimes of passion," not "crimes of cognition." I know this because I have been teaching psychology and doing research at the New Bilibid Prisons for the past seven years. Most of the convicts I talk with are people who killed another because "*inasar ako kaya napikon*" or "*naginuman kami at nagkaasaran ng konti at nagdilim ang aking paningin.*"

From these statements, it is clear that their crimes were emotional in nature. And we might attribute this to their growing up in a culture that is too mindful of one's feelings and other people's feelings.

Daniel Goleman in his book "Emotional Intelligence" offers us another perspective. He said that such loss of control is due to the part of the brain responsible for emotions, the amygdala, which can hijack the hippocampus which is responsible for rational thought. In other words, emotions can override reason.

Our correct use of emotions therefore may prevent the hijacking of reason. This usually begins when a child's parents and his teacher teach him the parameters of emotions and reason. I even tell my students that seldom would they hear about "crimes of cognition" or planned criminal acts or even serial killers in the Philippines. These are perhaps the most terrifying for they are carried out by people who plot their evil actions.

But how would one explain the actions of some of the people who were at the so-called "Edsa III"? These people might not have been capable of behaving the way they did had not others altered—or manipulated, if you will—their thoughts in various ways, thus, making them shift from a passive-aggressive stance to a more violent and destructive one. It might have been cathartic for them but, to use a cliché, "*nagpa*-hypnotize *sila!*"

And who "hypnotized" them? Perhaps, the *masa*'s minds were gradually conditioned by the former president's repeated complaint that he was "*inaapi ng mga mayayaman*," reviving his fans' memories of what they had seen in his old movies. However, it was the flighty yet strong idea of some senators who urged them "*Sugurin ang* Malacañang!" or told them "*Walang iwanan!*" that prompted them to move from the desecrated Edsa Shrine to the gates of the Palace.

This emotional upheaval may have been further aggravated by drugs, which, as some observers noted, made them more capable of wanton violence. This may also explain the disturbing images of two of the members of the lynch mob glorifying their kill by showing their bloodied hands on television, or the scene showing them beating a helpless police officer to a pulp or the actions of thousands of "Edsa III" revelers who burned and dumped garbage in front of the Edsa Shrine.

What drove these people to follow those who urged them to march to Malacañang? True, they had their own will, although some of them might not have been trained by their parents or teachers early on in life to give more weight to reason than to emotion. However, it could also be that they were looking for leaders who could move them to this destructive and cathartic experience or somebody who could be a substitute for a parent and provide answers to their needs.

In his book "People of the Lie," Scott Peck writes: "The individual adult as an individual is master of his own ship, director of his own destiny. But when he assumes the role of follower he hands over to the leader his power: his authority over himself and his maturity as decision-maker. He becomes psychologically dependent on the leader as a child is dependent on its parents. In this way there is a profound tendency for the average individual to emotionally regress as soon as he becomes a group member."

Some of these "father- or mother-like figures" are people who have presented themselves as the only ones who have the answer to their problems. This may also explain why some join charismatic groups when they "hit rock-bottom" because they feel the need to be being guided by a paternal or a maternal figure.

This is not necessarily bad; if the intention is good, people who are in dire straits can be empowered to act on their own. What is dangerous is when some politicians who have the means take advantage of this thought form and exploit the disadvantaged. Sometimes, they can be cunning and crafty enough to deceive and cause the sacrifice of lives for their own perverse and narcissistic needs.

It is unfair to keep blaming the poor alone for the violence that erupted last May 1. Being with the advantaged in the social spectrum, we have a duty to liberate the poor (and the poor in spirit) from the clutches of evil. This is why it is a cause for worry that some politicians who are callous, cynical and contemptuous of the rights, feelings and sufferings of others (and yet have the gall to call themselves public servants) remain free in our society.

Sometimes I wonder if there will come a time when we will require public officials to take psychological tests so that we can check whether they are fit to seek public office or not. But then evil, as Peck said, can be hidden in deception and one can actually lie about being good. This is exactly what happened when the wolves of "Edsa III" dressed themselves in sheep's clothing.

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THEY SAID

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"When somebody in the courtroom doesn't seem to know what it is all about, you get professorial because you have to find out whether they know what they're talking about. Otherwise, technically, we are wasting time."

—Sandiganbayan Presiding Justice Francis Garchitorena

Selective law enforcement

"I agree with marine sanctuaries in theory, but I am not in favor of its implementation because I keep hearing stories about selective enforcement of the law."

—Former Mayor Fred Carresosa of Loon, Bohol

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A guide to the 'net worth' of Senate candidates

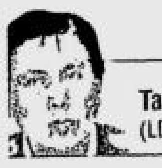
IN this final issue, Voter's Voice presents the "net worth" of candidates in pesos and the intangibles that money can't buy.Candidates were asked about their assets and liabilities(SAL), net worth, taxable income for last year and taxes paid.

Eleven candidates did not pass our "transparency test" as they did not respond to our questionnaire despite series of follow-up calls. So, we researched their SAL.

For reelectionist senators and congressmen gunning for a Senate seat, we had to rely on their previous SALs. Some gave incomplete information.

Based on available data, Voter's Voice found that the top earners and biggest taxpayers among the candidates are two former TV broadcasters, Noli de Castro and Dong Puno. Manuel Morato is the richest with a net worth of P490 million because he gave the prevailing market value of his real estate property.

The net worth of other candidates was considerably smaller because they provided the acquisition cost of their real estate property, some acquired in the 1960s.

Candidates (Data gathered by Chona Galang, Rey Leyesa and Miner Generalao of PDI Research, Dona Pazzibugan, Christine Avendaño, Juliet Javellana and Juan Sarmiento Jr.)	Net Worth	Gross Taxable Income	Taxes Paid	Residence
Adaza, Homobono (Independent)	Promises to submit SAL if elected	*Not available*	*Not available*	Tierra Pura Homes, Quezon City
Angara, Edgardo* (LDP, Pwersa ng Masa)	P 16.40 million (as of 1997)	*Not available*	*Not available*	Skyland Plaza, Makati City
Arroyo, Joker (Ind., People Power Coalition)	P 11.05 million (as of 2000)	*Not available*	*Not available*	Dasmariñas Village, Makati City
Canoy, Reuben (LDP, Pwersa)	*Not available*	P 129,620	P 20,824	Ermita, Manila/ Cagayan de Oro
Chato, Liwayway (Ind., PPC)	P 16.77 million (as of 1998)	*Not available*	*Not available*	San Juan, Metro Manila
De Castro, Noli (Ind., Pwersa)	*Not available*	P 25.1 million	P 8.9 million	Tierra Pura Homes, Quezon City
Defensor Santiago, Miriam (PRP, Pwersa)	P 32.88 million ** (as of 2000)	P 399,570 (salary as senator)	P 85,271	UP Village, Quezon City
Drilon, Franklin (Ind., PPC)	P 11.66 million (as of 2000)	P 433,870 (salary as senator)	P 90,761	North Greenhills, San Juan
Ejercito Estrada, Luisa* (Ind., Pwersa)	P 35.80 million (as of 1999)	P 1.85 million (as of 1998)	*Not available*	North Greenhills, San Juan
Enrile, Juan Ponce (Ind., Pwersa)	P 79.74 million (as of 2000)	P 3.62 million	P 741,891	Dasmariñas Village, Makati City
Flavier, Juan (Lakas, PPC)	P 1.42 million (as of 2000)	P 399,570 (salary as senator)	P 85,271	North Fairview, Quezon City
Herrera, Ernesto* (Lakas, PPC)	P 4.62 million (as of 1999)	*Not available*	*Not available*	Sta. Cruz, Calape, Bohol
Honasan, Gregorio* (Ind., Pwersa)	P 4.27 million (as of 1999)	*Not available*	*Not available*	Industrial Valley, Marikina City
Lacson, Panfilo* (LDP, Pwersa)	P 1.76 million (as of 1996)	P 130,560 (as of 1996)	P 5,245 (as of 1996)	BF Resort, Parañaque City
Lozano, Oliver (KBL)	P 5 million (as of 2000)	P 1.5 million	P 2,019	Roxas District, Quezon City
Madrigal, "Jamby"* (LDP, Pwersa)	*Not available*	*Not available*	*Not available*	New Manila, Quezon City
Magsaysay, Ramon Jr. (Ind., PPC)	P 116.40 million (as of 2000)	P 399,570 (salary as senator)	P 85,271	Ayala Alabang, Muntinlupa City
Mercado, Orlando (Ind., Pwersa)	P 7.92 million (as of 2000)	P 399,770	P 94,931	North Fairview, Quezon City
Monsod, Solita (Aksyon Demokratiko, PPC)	P 69.10 million (as of 1999)	P 1.84 million (conjugal, as of 2000)	P 554,789	Dasmariñas Village, Makati City
Morato, Manuel (Independent)	P 490.54 million ** (as of 2000)	P 864,910	P 167,842	Tomas Morato Ave. Quezon City
Navarro, Rod (Independent)	About P 15 million ** (as of 2000)	less than P 80,000	P 5,000	Corinthian Gardens, Quezon City
Osmeña, Sergio III (PDP Laban, PPC)	P 33.18 million (as of 2000)	P 399,570 (salary as senator)	P 75,671	Bel-Air, Makati City
Pagdanganan, Roberto* (Lakas, PPC)	*Not available*	*Not available*	*Not available*	Calumpit, Bulacan
Pangilinan, Francis (Liberal Party, PPC)	*Not available*	P 2.7 million (excluding Sharon Cuneta's income)	P 357,000	Wack-Wack, Mandaluyong City (owned by Sharon)
Puno, Ricardo Jr. (LDP, Pwersa)	P 31.37 million (as of 2000)	P 6.7 million	P 2.1 million	Ayala Alabang, Muntinlupa City
Rasul, Santanina (Ind., Pwersa)	P 10.42 million (as of 2000)	P 372,109	P 86,632	Mandaluyong City
Recto, Ralph G.* (Lakas, PPC)	P 221.62 million (as of 1999)	*Not available*	*Not available*	Green Meadows, Quezon City
Sabio, Camilo (Independent)	*Not available*	P 282,280	P 50,000	Sta. Mesa Heights, Quezon City
 **Tamano**, Ombra* (LDP, Pwersa)	*Not available*	*Not available*	*Not available*	Sagularan, Lanao del Sur
Tañada, Wigberto* (Liberal Party, PPC)	P 15.82 million (as of 1999)	*Not available*	*Not available*	Dasmariñas Village, Makati City
Villar, Manuel Jr.* (Ind., PPC)	P 328.93 million (as of 1999)	*Not available*	*Not available*	BF Resort, Las Piñas City
Yasay, Perfecto (Independent)	P 38.20 million (as of 2000)	P 105,107	P 7,770	West Ave., Quezon City

* Did not bother to respond to questionnaire ** Fair market value

Characteristics that a senatorial candidate must have

(Multiple responses allowed)

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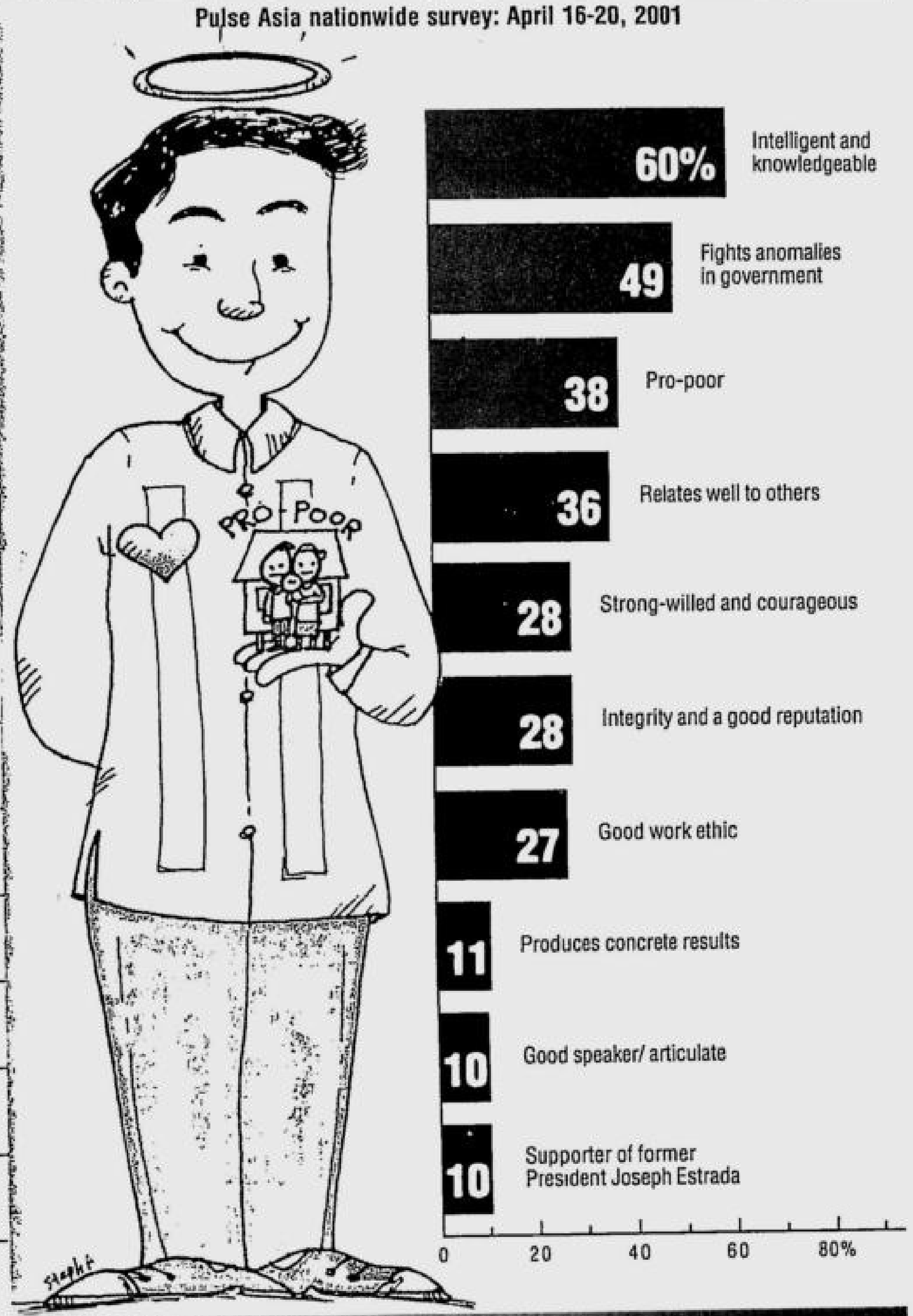

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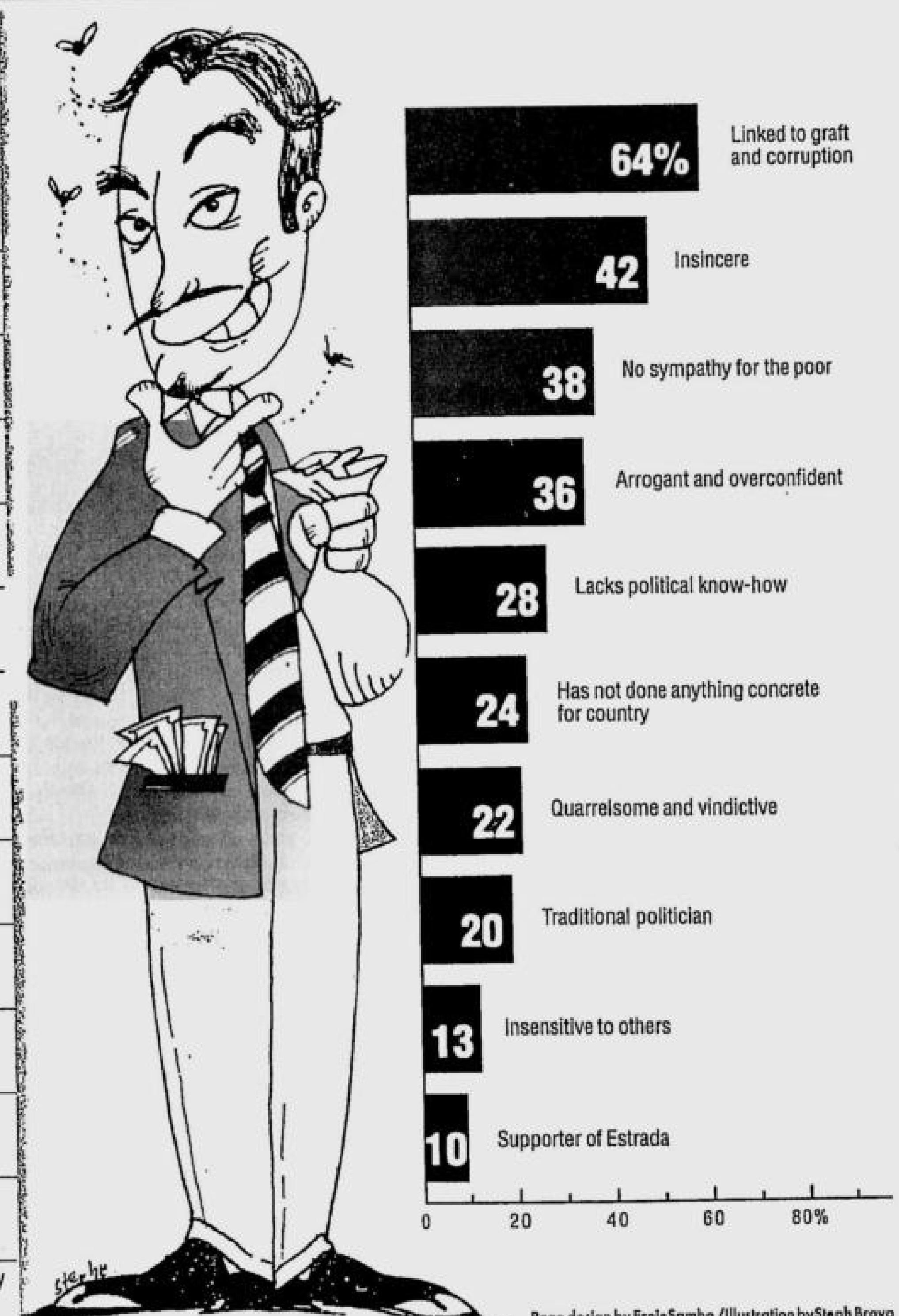

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5 charges against Anwar dropped

SUNGAI BULOH PRISON, Malaysia—Malaysian prosecutors Saturday withdrew all five outstanding criminal charges against opposition politician Anwar Ibrahim, during a court hearing at the prison where he is already serving a 15-year term.

State prosecutor Azhar Abdul Hamid told the high court they were dropping the four charges of sodomy and one charge of corruption. He did not give any reasons.

"I shall make an order of acquittal and discharge against Datuk Seri (honorific) Anwar Ibrahim on all the five charges," said Judge Augustine Paul.

The ex-deputy premier, who is suffering from a slipped disc, appeared in the makeshift court in a wheelchair.

Authorities shifted the hearing to the jail just northwest of Kuala Lumpur after doctors said a journey to the city center courthouse would aggravate his condition.

"It was a pleasant surprise but I would have preferred to face it (charges)," Anwar, 53, told reporters as he was wheeled back to his cell, surrounded by armed guards.

He said prosecutors dropped the charges to deny him a chance of again airing his allegations of a political conspiracy in open court.

Anwar was previously jailed for six years for abuse of power and nine years for sodomy after lengthy and controversial separate trials. The sentences will run consecutively.

Saturday's decision does not affect those cases, which are under appeal.

"I thank Allah for the result of the charges," he said in a statement distributed by his lawyers.

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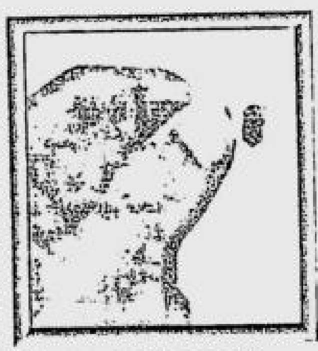
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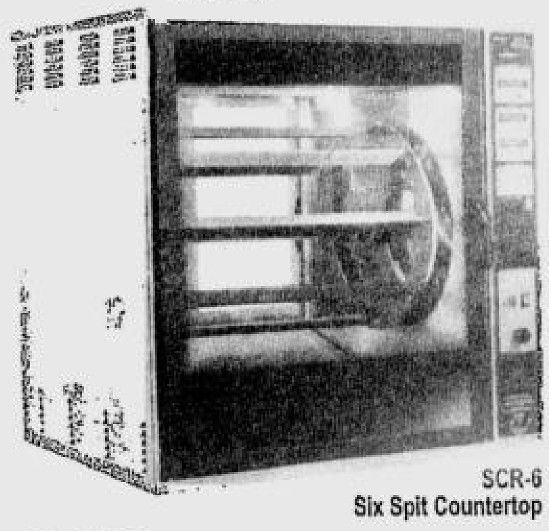
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Court issues arrest warrant vs Benazir Bhutto

ISLAMABAD—An anti-corruption court issued an arrest warrant for former prime minister Benazir Bhutto after she failed to appear in court on corruption charges, newspapers reported yesterday.

Bhutto, who is living in self-imposed exile, dividing her time mostly in the United Arab Emirates or Britain, will be arrested when she returns home, the English-language daily newspaper The Dawn reported.

Anti-Corruption judge Rustam Ali Malik issued the arrest warrant Friday, after Bhutto failed to appear in court despite several notices.

Bhutto is accused of massive corruption while in power to amass properties and bank accounts overseas.

Bhutto accuses her arch rival, former prime minister Nawaz Sharif, of fabricating the charges against her. *AP*

Fujimori may be charged over death squad killings

LIMA—Ex-President Alberto Fujimori may be charged with responsibility for killings by a paramilitary death squad that was behind some of Peru's worst human rights atrocities, a state attorney said on Friday.

Jose Ugaz, who is investigating a web of corruption woven by Fujimori's fugitive ex-spy chief Vladimiro Montesinos, said the former president could not have failed to know about the squad, called Grupo Colina. He said Fujimori, as constitutional head of the armed forces, was ultimately responsible for not reining in its excesses.

The shadowy squad, allegedly formed by Montesinos to combat rising attacks by Shining Path rebels in the 1990s, killed 15 people mistaken for guerrillas at a party in the Barrios Altos district of Lima in 1991 and kidnapped and killed nine students and a professor at La Cantuta university the following year.

After originally trying to cover up the La Cantuta killings, soldiers were convicted by a military court in 1994, but were freed in 1995 under an amnesty law signed by Fujimori absolving them of human rights abuses in the guerrilla war.

There were no charges in the Barrios Altos case, but human rights groups, citing survivors of the massacre, said it too was the work of Grupo Colina and have taken the case to the Inter-American Court on Human Rights in Costa Rica.

"What no one could argue is that Fujimori did not know about the existence of Grupo Colina actions," Ugaz told reporters after testifying to a congressional commission studying whether to charge him with crimes against humanity.

"By knowing about this illicit group . . . Fujimori, in his capacity as supreme head of the armed forces, had the obligation to dismantle this organization, prevent it from operating and punish those responsible. His omission . . . is a crime and thus he assumes the status of co-author," Ugaz said.

Fujimori, in self-exile in Japan, denies involvement in any of the illicit activities attributed to his spy chief.

The commission expects to continue investigations into Fujimori in connection with murders, disappearances and alleged crimes against humanity for three weeks and would then present any charges to the full Congress, chair Daniel Estrada said. *Reuters*

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But yet, he was unhappy. He remembered the time when he was a complete man and had a heart and was in love. He was the happiest man on earth. Now that the wicked witch had caused his heart to be taken out, he became cold, ruthless and miserable.

During his journey along the bricked road, he had visited with many schools of learning and state-of-the-art technology institutions, asking where he could possible find a heart and soul to tame his electronically-generated pulse. None of them could provide him with a heart.

Finally, against a lush clearing, he sighted the impressive silhouette of the First Asia Institute building in Tanauan, Batangas. "Pardon me," he said, "but do you think you can help me find a heart for my technology-laden body?"

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The Tin Man rested his weary limbs against the wall of the school lobby; he could hearthe hum and concert of a multitude of students reciting their classroom exercises. The kindly school director continued: "First Asia Institute seamlessly integrates technology and humanities in all its courses and programs and these are taught in the context of humanistic values. While Christian in essence and ecumenical in approach, it adopts scientific methodology in its modes of classroom discourse."

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DENISE Quinones August, fairest of all. REUTERS

Miss P. Rico takes Miss Universe title

BAYAMON, Puerto Rico—Boosted by a hometown advantage, Puerto Rican beauty queen Denise Quinones August won this year's Miss Universe crown Friday, a pageant held on her native island.

Pageant organizers said they believed Quinones was the first Puerto Rican to win the contest on her own soil.

"I can't believe it," said Quinones, wearing translucent platform heels and a white evening gown with a plunging neckline. "I just felt really confident and that projected."

Since Miss Universe began 50 years ago, 14 Latin American women have won the crown. Quinones becomes the 15th, and the fourth Puerto Rican.

Miss Greece, 22-year-old Evelina Papantoniou, took second, and Miss USA, 24-year-old Kandace Krueger, came in third place in Friday's beauty contest. Miss Venezuela, 18-year-old Eva Ekvall, and Miss India, 22-year-old Celina Jaitley, were runners-up.

Singer Marc Anthony, a judge with Puerto Rican roots, said it was hard to pick a winner. Other judges in this year's pageant included 1993 Miss Universe Dayanara Torres Muniz, also of Puerto Rico, and Kel Gleason, a contestant on the TV show "Survivor: The Australian Outback."

"(Quinones) had all the qualities that they told us to look out for," Anthony said of the 77 women. "It was really tough though."

On the final question, Quinones was asked what, if anything, she would change in her life. Most of the women said the same thing in different accents, or with different words.

"I have no regrets," she said, smiling as the crowd went wild, many of whom were waving Puerto Rican flags and were still animated from an earlier hip-shaking performance by Puerto Rican crooner Ricky Martin.

Quinones succeeds Lara Dutta of India who won last year's competition on the Mediterranean island of Cyprus. *AP*

FBI bungling gives McVeigh month's respite

WASHINGTON—Timothy McVeigh's countdown to execution was suddenly interrupted Friday, five days before he was to die, as US Attorney General John Ashcroft ordered an investigation into the FBI's bungling of records in the Oklahoma City bombing.

President George W. Bush said he was sure of McVeigh's guilt but did not want the government "rushing his fate."

McVeigh, on death row in Terre Haute, Indiana, is now scheduled to die by lethal injection on June 11.

Lawyer Rob Nigh described his client as frustrated and possibly reconsidering his earlier decision against challenging the execution order.

"He's distressed about this in that he knows the impact that it has upon his family and those who care about him," Nigh said outside the federal prison where he consulted with McVeigh.

Some victims said they were sickened, others resigned, after the dramatic turn of events in what is to be the first federal execution since 1963.

"It's like a big old clamp squeezing my gut," said Dan McKinney, whose wife was among the 168 people killed in the 1995 bombing to which McVeigh has confessed. "We have to wait 30 more days for something we have waited six years."

McVeigh's defense team was handed 3,135 documents that the FBI should have provided more than three years ago during trial. McVeigh lawyer Nathan Chambers said he was informed by the US attorney of the documents' existence on Tuesday. Bush and Ashcroft both said they were not told of the problem until Thursday.

Complaining that 30 days was not enough time to study the mountain of paper, Nigh said McVeigh was now "keeping all of his options open."

"He has indicated in the past that he did not want to delay. . . . He's willing to take a fresh look and evaluate the information," Nigh said.

Separately, Michael Tigar, lawyer for convicted conspirator Terry Nichols, who is serving a life sentence, told CNN television he would file a new appeal for Nichols with the Supreme Court.

Ashcroft, his back to the ticking mantle clock in a Justice Department conference room, said government attorneys studied the newly disclosed documents and concluded they did not contradict the 11 guilty verdicts returned against McVeigh for murder, conspiracy and using a weapon of mass destruction. *AP*

Macedonia forms new coalition government

SKOPJE, Macedonia—Macedonia's disparate political parties forged a new coalition government Friday, offering a measure of stability to a country struggling to quell an ethnic Albanian insurgency.

The so-called national unity government emerged after a key ethnic Albanian party dropped its objections to joining. The coalition replaces Prime Minister Ljubco Georgievski's previous, smaller alliance of parties.

The last holdout, the Party for Democratic Prosperity, had demanded that the government halt attacks on militants before talks could begin—and acquiesced after the Army held its fire for the better part of a day.

Western organizations exerted their own pressure, alarmed that the escalating exchanges of machine-gun fire and mortar rounds would suck this fragile country into another Balkan war.

"The parties reiterated their common interest that the security situation in the country should be their basic task," Georgievski said in announcing the new coalition.

Resolving the crisis, however, may be the only goal the parties share. The new panel includes leftists and central-right conservatives, but few considered to be moderate. Members of the new Cabinet will be announced Saturday, Georgievski said.

International officials were pushing for the new coalition's success. Nato Secretary General Lord Robertson said it was time for all of Macedonia's parties to "unite in the interest of survival," and US State Department spokesperson Richard Boucher hailed the coalition as "a major step forward."

The new government "demonstrates that there is a broad national consensus in Macedonia to support dialogue and to act firmly against the violence," Boucher said. *AP*

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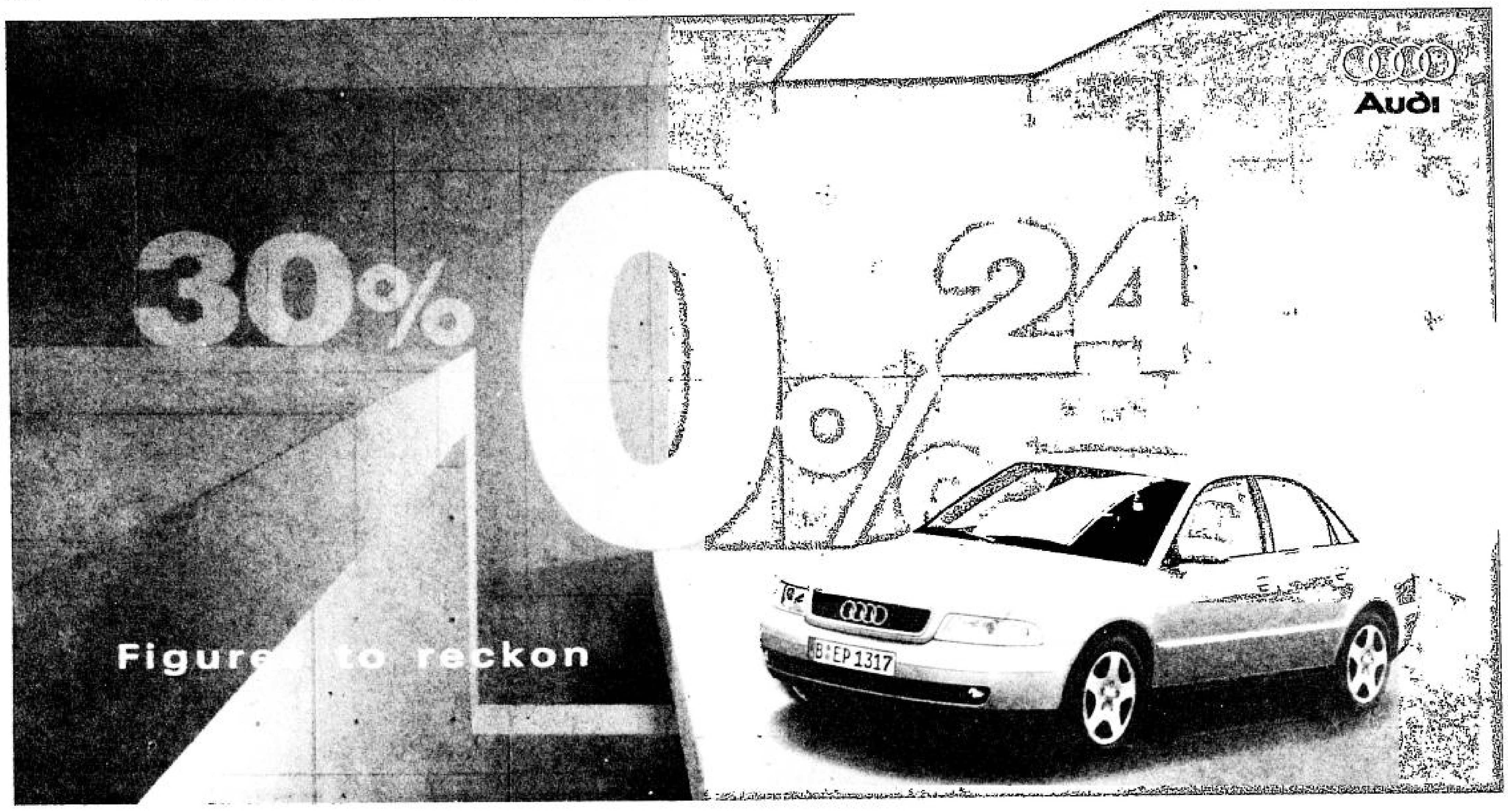

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Comelec replaces Iloilo town police force

By Ma. Diosa Labiste and Nestor Burgos Jr.
PDI Visayas Bureau

ILOILO CITY—The Commission on Elections has replaced the entire police force in San Joaquin, Iloilo, amid rising tension in the town after mayoral candidate Jesus Sibya Sr. was shot dead allegedly by the incumbent mayor on Friday.

More military troops were also sent to San Joaquin, 53 km south of here, as the election atmosphere tomorrow is expected to heat up.

Reelectionist Mayor Sebastian Seraq, who is under detention, will face Sibya's widow, Ma. Daisy.

Daisy, 48, a banker, decided to run for mayor under the Reporma Party late Friday afternoon, hours after her husband died from bullet wounds.

Daisy and Seraq are third cousins. The death of her husband shocked the whole town where kinship and ritual ties are strong.

Lawyer Rodolfo Sarroza, Comelec regional supervisor, said the town's entire police force, including its chief, SPO4 Separion Faronilmo, was replaced as recommended by Chief Supt. Rolando Garcia, police regional director.

Supt. Victor Boco, police provincial chief, said all the 21 policemen in the town were relieved based on findings that their handling of the situation was "unsatisfactory."

Among the reasons was the failure of the police to arrest Seraq from the time of the shooting until he surrendered late Friday, Boco said.

In fact, Seraq was even able to leave the town after he was fetched by his sister, Iloilo Rep. Ninfa Garin (first district), and brought to the nearby town of Guimbal.

Boco said the police failed to stop Seraq from proceeding to the campaign headquarters of Sibya when it was "clear" that the mayor was with a group of armed men.

Witness accounts

Witnesses claimed Seraq shot Sibya outside his headquarters on M. H. del Pilar Street at the town proper around 5 a.m. Sibya had just arrived with a convoy of vehicles and motorcycles.

Boco said the town policemen could be partisan to some candi-

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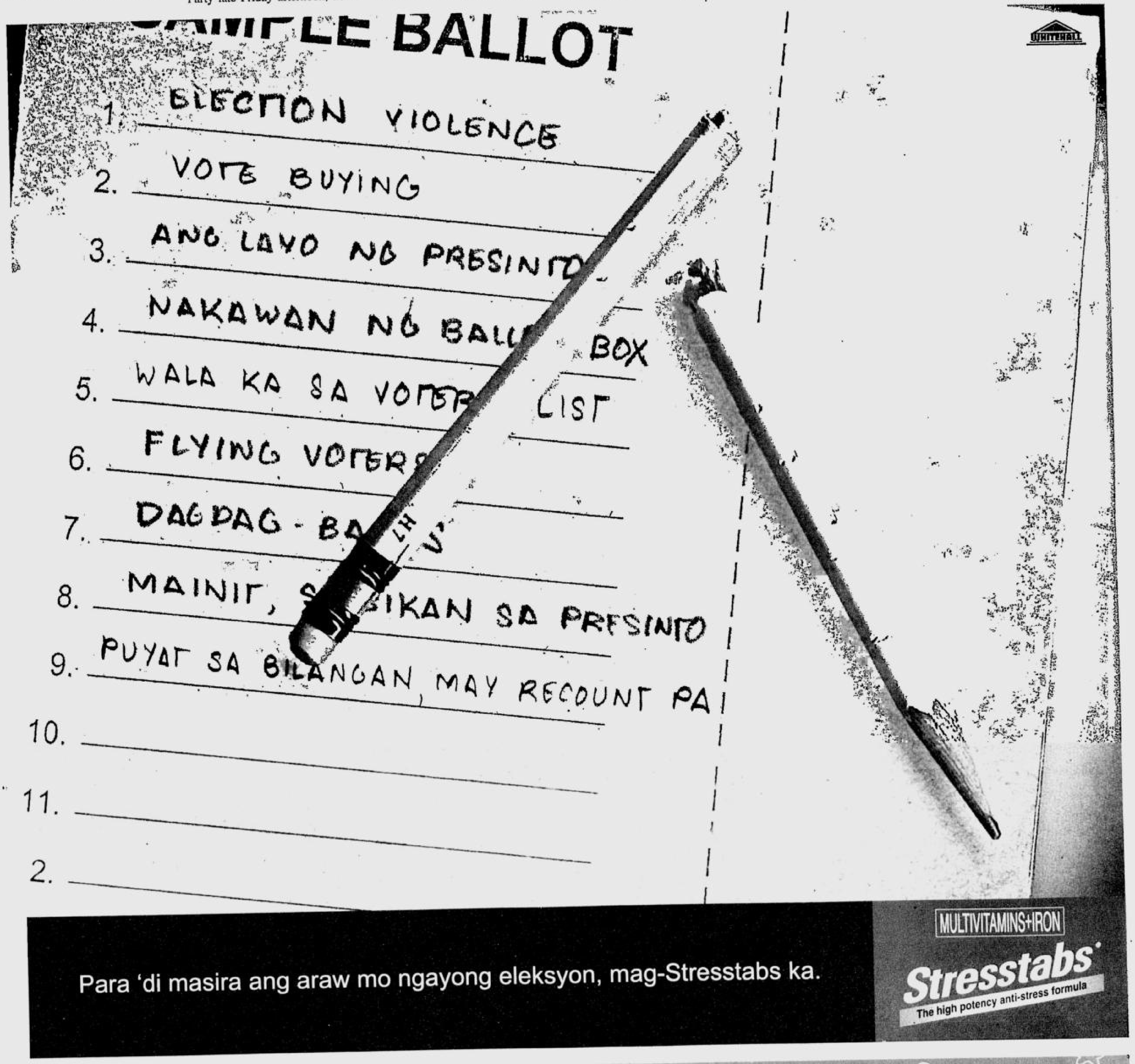
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dates because of their long period of assignment in the town.

The policemen were sent yesterday to the Iloilo provincial police office in Sta. Barbara town. They were replaced by an equal number of policemen led by Insp. Geovanni Musico from the provisional police battalion based at the police regional headquarters here.

Boco said the director of the PNP First Mobile Group based in Tigbauan, Iloilo, Supt. Benigno Baldovenos, was also relieved because of complaints of alleged partiality for the Garin camp.

Fifteen Army soldiers from the Task Force Iloilo were also sent to the town to help defuse the tension, Sarroza said.

San Joaquin has been elevated to a status of an area of immediate concern from its previous area of concern category, according to the Comelec.

Boco said augmentation troops would be deployed in the entire first congressional district of Iloilo where San Joaquin is situated.

Surrender

Seraq, in muddied pants, surrendered to the PNP regional quarters in Camp Martin Delgado in Iloilo City late Friday. He underwent medical and paraffin tests.

He stayed briefly at the Guimbal District Hospital after he was picked up by Representative Garin from San Joaquin, hours after the shooting.

He was first brought to the medical clinic of the PNP regional headquarters in Camp Martin Delgado in Iloilo City in late afternoon by heavily armed soldiers and policemen, but was later transferred to the Iloilo Doctors Hospital.

Seraq was reportedly treated for high blood pressure.

Boco said a commitment order has already been issued against Seraq following a preliminary inquest conducted by the provincial prosecutor's office.

Another suspect, Nilo Napao, barangay chairman of Balabag, was arrested and detained at the provincial jail. He was identified by witnesses as among those in Seraq's group.

Lawyer Pablo Tolentino, counsel of the Sibya family, said statements of witnesses were being readied that would point that Seraq immediately shot Sibya after he alighted from his vehicle.

He said murder and frustrated murder charges would be filed against Seraq. Four other supporters of Sibya were wounded, allegedly inflicted by Seraq's followers.

'Self-inflicted'

Tolentino dismissed reports of an encounter, noting the bullet-riddled Toyota Revo of Seraq that was recovered near the place of the incident.

"The holes are self-inflicted, part of a premeditated and orchestrated plan in order to absolve Seraq from criminal liabilities," Tolentino said.

Seraq's lawyers, Cornelio Panes and Remegio Antiquera, failed to issue any statement when reached by the INQUIRER.

At the Iloilo St. Paul's Hospital where she was confined for a heart check-up, Daisy was no longer the picture of a grieving widow.

Overnight, she had assembled her trusted leaders and planned her platform of government that anchored on transparency and consultations with her constituents.

These values, she said, were what her husband had practiced in his 13 years as a politician.

Daisy, branch manager of the Philippine Veteran's Bank in Iloilo, had at first begged off to run, saying that she has been thinking of the future of her two sons, Hans Luis, 11, and Jesus Manuel III, 20.

Burial today

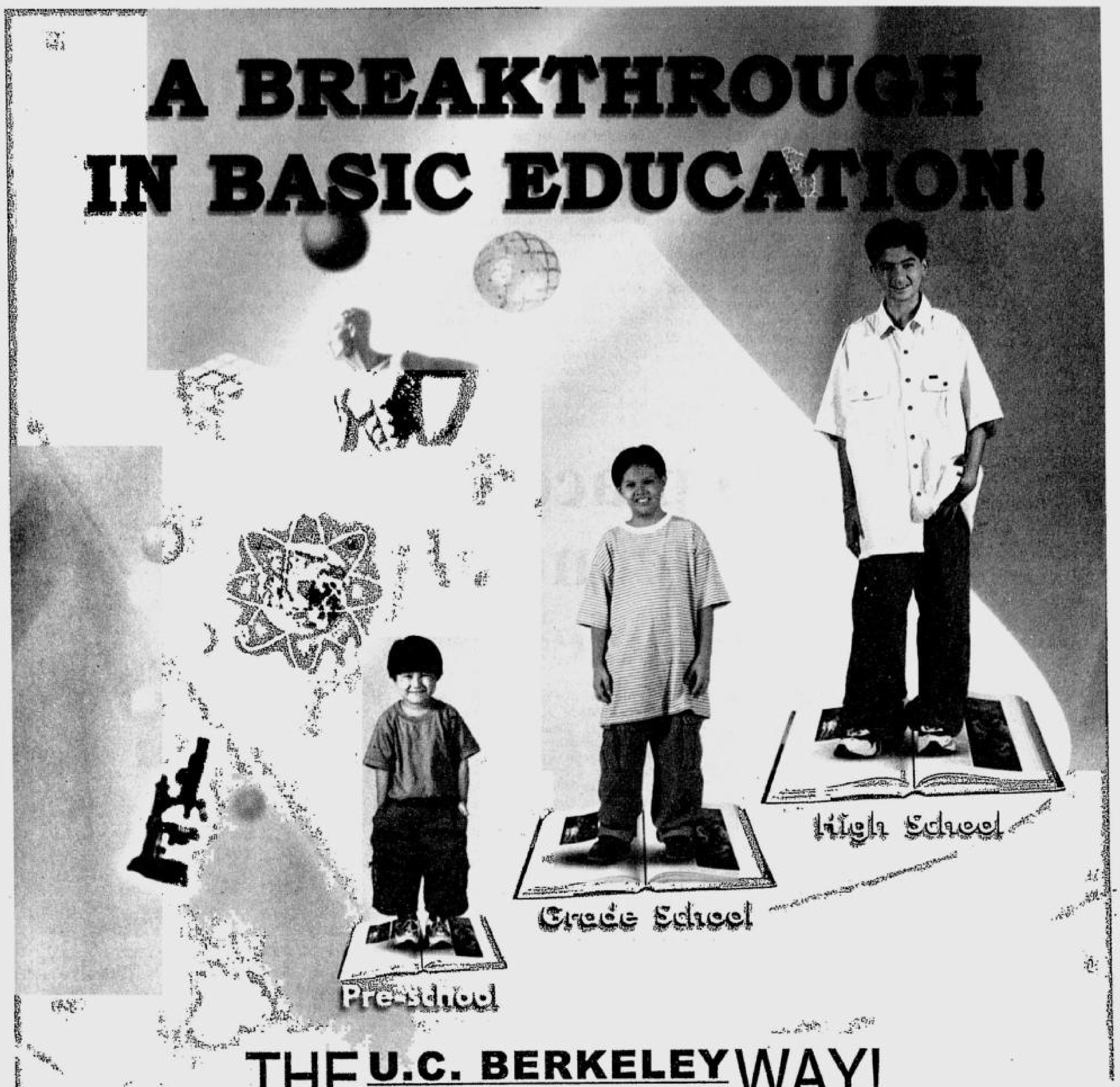
An older son convinced her. "If you will not run, Papa's death will be useless. We will just bury him and go home," Jesus Manuel told his mother.

Since Friday night, hundreds of supporters have prayed and lighted candles at Sibya's headquarters.

"I was touched by such display of concern by the people in San Joaquin. Their love gave me the courage to run," Daisy said.

Daisy said she loved her work in the bank and the perks that go with it, "but San Joaquin town must not be left in the hands of a person who is a bully and thinks he is king."

Today, Daisy will lead the caravan bearing the remains of her husband from Iloilo City to San Joaquin.



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ROUNDUP

3 police chiefs sacked

BACOLOD CITY—The Commission on Elections approved the recommendation of the Negros Occidental police to relieve three police chiefs in the province. Cirilo Nala, Comelec provincial supervisor, identified the three as Inspectors Roger Araniador of Escalante, Rodolfo Delloso of Hinobaan and Brownito Reunata of Candoni. Araniador was replaced after a leader of the Revolutionary Proletarian Army-Alex Bongcayao Brigade, Danilo Dumdum, was shot dead in Escalante on April 28 by two policemen. Delloso was relieved due to inefficiency and his failure to cooperate with the Comelec. Reunata, Nala said, was accused of engaging in partisan political activities. *Carla P. Gomez, PDI Visayas Bureau*

Red leader freed

ILOILO CITY—A high-ranking communist leader in Panay was released by two regional trial courts in Antique after prosecution witnesses failed to appear in the hearings. In separate directives dated April 24, Judge Sylvia G. Jurao of RTC Branch 10 and Judge Rudy Castrojas of RTC Branch 12, ordered the provisional dismissal of charges of robbery in band with physical injuries and of murder filed against Reynaldo Bocala, 56. The cases will be revived if his co-accused are arrested. Bocala is allegedly the deputy secretary of the Regional Committee of the Communist Party of the Philippines. He was captured on Feb. 12 during a raid by Iloilo policemen on a rebel camp in Barangay Tabiac, Igbaras town. *Nestor P. Burgos Jr., PDI Visayas Bureau*

Gun ban: 51 held

TACLOBAN CITY—Fifty-one persons in Eastern Visayas were arrested from January to April 18 for violating the election gun ban. Police records showed that 11 of them were arrested in Ormoc City, 15 in Leyte, four in Southern Leyte, 13 in Samar, four in Northern Samar, three in Eastern Samar and one in Biliran. Policemen caught the suspects carrying firearms at checkpoints. *Cynthia A. Borgueta, PDI Visayas Bureau*

Cabreza, 33

BAGUIO CITY—Venceslav Cabreza, 33, brother of INQUIRER correspondent Vincent Cabreza, died May 7 at his Quezon City home. Cabreza worked at the Quezon City Hall with its solid waste management project. His remains lie at the Pansol chapel in Balara, Quezon City. Internment is scheduled on May 13 at the Himlayang Pilipino in Quezon City. *PDI Northern Luzon*

WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Ilocos provinces and the Batanes group of islands will experience stormy weather and its coastal waters will be rough to very rough. The rest of Nothern Luzon and Central Luzon will have rains and gusty winds with moderate to rough seas. Southern Tagalog provinces will have cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms. The rest of the country will be partly cloudy to cloudy with isolated rainshowers or thunderstorms.

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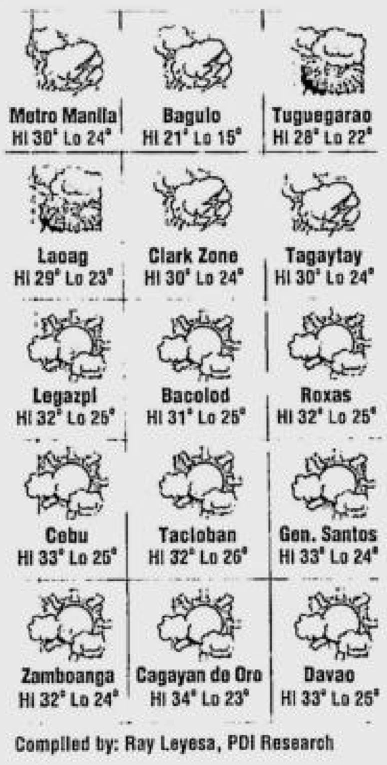

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PNP raises double red alert in Bohol

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TAGBILARAN CITY—A double red alert has been raised by the Philippine National Police in Bohol following an escalation of violence in different parts of the island-province.

Senior Insp. Magdaleno Mendez, Bohol PNP operations chief, said Supt. Lani-o Nerez, the provincial police director, raised the alert status in anticipation of violent incidents in tomorrow's elections.

The order means that all leaves and passes of policemen have been canceled and that they should be in their areas of assignment, Mendez said.

In Danao town, a suspected New People's Army liquidation team gunned down a barangay councilman in Barangay San Carlos on Monday.

Two men and one woman, all described as in their teens, shot Joseph Betasa, 35, in the head and above the right armpit, killing him instantly.

Responding policemen recovered handwritten letters detailing the victim's alleged offenses against the rebel movement.

Police sources said the killing was insurgency-related although the political angle had not been ruled out.

A day later, a brother of a mayoral candidate was shot and wounded in Barangay Tubog, Ubay town by a still unidentified attacker.

Esteban Bernales, 70, the brother of Ubay mayoral candidate Eutiquio Bernales (PDP-Laban), was on his way home from a nightly show when he was shot and wounded in the right forearm.

Bicol

In Legazpi City, the Commission on Elections on Wednesday said it had approved the deployment of two battalions of troops in probable hot spots in Bicol. Comelec regional director Zacarias Zaragosa said the military and police operations were strictly under his supervision.

"These soldiers and police personnel consist of the forces that have been regularly stationed in Bicol before the election period," he said.

The Comelec had earlier rejected a petition by the Bicol Regional Peace and Order Council to place the region under Comelec control in the wake of a string of election-related killings and other violent incidents.

Police records showed that four candidates and at least a dozen supporters had been killed in poll-related violence.

Zaragoza said placing those areas under Comelec control might prove a measure harsher than putting an area under martial rule.

AFP regional spokesperson Lt. Col. Pendatun Guro said the two battalions of composite forces from the Army, Navy and Air Force have been deployed for peacekeeping functions under the Task Force 202 Halalan 2001.

The troops have been deployed in potential trouble areas in Camarines Sur, Albay, Sorsogon, Masbate and Catanduanes.

Police and military intelligence working closely under the Comelec had earlier identified 426 villages in the five Bicol provinces as areas of concern during the election period.

Most of these areas have also been identified as under the influence of the NPA.

Abra placed under control of Comelec

By the PDI Northern Luzon Bureau and Central Luzon Desk

BAGUIO CITY—Cordillera police officials on Saturday ordered the deployment of more policemen to Abra to beef up the 100-member police contingent sent there earlier to man the conduct of Monday's elections.

The Commission on Elections placed Abra, the only election hot spot in the Cordillera, under its control also on Saturday.

Lawyer Armando Velasco, Comelec director in the Cordillera, and Chief Supt. Virtus Gil, police regional director, have been in Bangued, Abra, since Friday to coordinate peacekeeping operations.

Abra is one of six provinces considered "violence flash points" on Monday, said Senior Supt. Benjamin Magalong, operations chief of the regional police.

Reports gathered by the INQUIRER also showed that more policemen and Army soldiers were sent to critical areas in Cagayan, Isabela, Pangasinan, Ilocos Norte, Ilocos Sur, Bualcan and Pampanga.

In Nueva Vizcaya, election materials were delivered only on Saturday, forcing Comelec officials to work double time to deliver these to remote towns and villages.

'Crising'

Candidates for the May 14 polls are worrying that bad weather due to tropical storm "Crising" would affect the turnout of voters on Monday.

Public Storm Signals 1 and 2 have been raised in the Ilocos region and Cagayan Valley.

Crising has dumped 68.2 millimeters of rain in Baguio since Friday.

Pedro Rigos, meteorologist of the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration office in Baguio City, said temperature in the city ranged from 16 to 21 degrees Celsius. He said the rest of Northern Luzon have been experiencing rains.

Heavy rains

Heavy rains have affected the campaign schedules of politicians in Ilocos, Cordillera and Cagayan Valley, including the northernmost province Batanes, reports gathered by the INQUIRER showed.

But Rigos said they were expecting the weather to improve today and Monday.

Magalong said they were also monitoring areas frequented by communist rebels because of reports last week from political candidates claiming they were harassed by "armed dissidents."

Most of the complaints surfaced in Sadanga, Mt. Province, he said, although similar reports came from Lacub, Abra.

Velasco expanded a police task force to include the towns of Lacub, Danglas and Lagayan towns where incidents of election-related violence were recorded.

Central Luzon

The Central Luzon police had reduced the prospects of violent incidents occurring in Monday's elections in the region after they claimed to have dealt a "big blow" on one of the communist groups allegedly planning to disrupt the polls.

The arrest of Amador Guevarra, allegedly a top military cadre of the Marxist-Leninist Party of the Philippines' Rebolusyonaryong Hukbong Bayan, on Thursday weakened the capability of the armed wing to lend its "gun-for-hire services" in the elections, according to Chief Supt. Enrique Galang Jr., Central Luzon police director.

Galang said an Army battalion has been deployed to hot spots in Central Luzon, notably Angat and Doña Remedios Trinidad towns, both in Bulacan.

Dissidents are present in 120 villages in 27 towns which have been declared areas of concern in the region, he said.

In Pampanga, more troops have been sent to Mexico, Arayat, Candaba and Sasmuan towns.

Lawyer Temie Lambino, Pampanga election supervisor, said there was no "willing and able person" in Pampanga who would act as election officer for Masantol, Pampanga, as of Saturday.

He gave assurance, however, that there would be an election officer in the town on Monday.

"The assistant election officer of Masantol refused to follow my directive to act as election officer. But we already asked other provinces to assign an election officer for Masantol. We will get one from Bulacan," he said.

Lambino said that he does not know the reason why no one in Pampanga wants to serve as election officer in Masantol.

Cagayan Valley

In Tuguegarao City, Chief Supt. Dominador Resos Jr., Cagayan Valley police director, said 751 soldiers would be sent to Cagayan, Isabela, Nueva Vizcaya and Quirino for Monday's elections.

There were no additional Army forces deployed to Batanes, he said.

Resos said he was expecting peaceful elections in the region with regular police forces at full duty aside from the soldiers.

About 350 policemen from the regional mobile group and a provisional battalion from the regional police headquarters were also trained for "emergency purposes," he said.

Resos said they are closely watching Mallig, Isabela, which has a record of political violence in previous elections.

In Isabela, lawyer Erwin Valerozo, provincial election supervisor, said he was optimistic that local candidates would religiously follow the peace covenants they signed to ensure peaceful and orderly elections in the province's 35 towns and two cities.

He said municipal treasurers were set to distribute ballot boxes and election paraphernalia on Sunday and early Monday to members of the board of election inspectors.

Watch list

The Comelec placed the towns of Tumauini, Ilagan and Roxas in Isabela under its watch list, while San Pablo town was placed under Comelec control.

In Nueva Vizcaya, lawyer Abraham Johnny Asuncion, provincial Comelec supervisor, said since the official ballots and other documents were delivered at the provincial capitol only on Saturday, they had to work overtime to distribute these in upland villages, which require hours of hiking.

The province's population comprises 40 percent of indigenous peoples in the uplands.

Disaster officials were also alerted over Crising that spawned rains here, leaving access roads to the villages difficult for all types of vehicles.

Supt. Romeo Hilomen, Nueva Vizcaya police director, has sent more troops in Alfonso Castañeda town which has been tagged as an election hotspot.

Ilocos region

The storm spoiled all the well-prepared campaign activities of candidates in Ilocos Sur after the province was placed under Public Storm Signal No. 2.

All scheduled grand parades by political parties in Vigan City were cancelled.

In Pangasinan, 140 policemen and soldiers were sent to three towns and a city declared under Comelec control and 12 towns and two cities declared areas of immediate concern or areas of concern.

Supt. Leopoldo Bataoil, Pangasinan police director, said those under Comelec control were Tayug, Natividad, Bolinao towns and Dagupan City, while the areas of immediate concern were Balungao, San Nicolas, Infanta and San Manuel.

The areas of concern are Mabini, Bani, Dasol, Urbiztondo, Bayambang, San Fabian, Umingan, Rosales and the cities of Urdaneta and San Carlos.

Supt. Alberto Vinluan, Pangasinan police operations officer, said they have put up checkpoints in these towns. *Reports from Vincent Cabreza, Leoncio Balbin Jr., Yolanda Fuertes, Cristina Arzadon, Kira Espino, Ben Moses Ebreo, Villamor Visaya Jr., Nathan Alcantara, Richellou Mariano, Desiree Caluza and Delmar Cariño, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau and Carmela Reyes, Tonette Orejas, Jun Malig, Anselmo Roque and Russell Arador, PDI Central Luzon Desk*

TOAST FOR PEACE TOOTS SOBERANO

Igorot and Moro leaders seal their peace covenant with a ceremonial toast that highlighted the Cordillera Festival on April 29 in Baguio City. Bong Cawed represented the Igorots while Sultan Muhammad Amin Bon Torres represented the Moros. Baguio Mayor Mauricio Domogan signed the agreement as a witness.

Cases seeking disqualification of candidates swamp Comelec

CASES seeking the disqualification of candidates in tomorrow's elections have swamped the Commission on Elections.

In an *en banc* ruling, the Comelec reversed a decision of its first division on a disqualification case filed against Lucena City Mayor Ramon Talaga Jr.

In separate cases, the first division also disqualified Tagaytay City Mayor Francis Tolentino from running for the same post again, and debunked claims that reelectionist Digos City Mayor Arsenio Latasa has been disqualified with finality.

One of the decisions was, however, overturned by the Supreme Court.

The high tribunal reversed the Comelec's decision that disqualified Leyte Rep. Catalina Loreto Go (fifth district) from running for governor of Leyte.

It ordered the Comelec chair and the provincial election supervisor of Leyte to immediately order the inclusion of Go's name in the certified list of candidates for governor in Leyte.

"This decision is immediately executory. No motion for reconsideration shall be entertained," said the decision.

The 15-page *en banc* ruling promulgated on May 10 was penned by Associate Justice Bernardo Pardo and concurred in by Chief Justice Hilario Davide and all the 10 associate justices present during the promulgation.

The Supreme Court said the Comelec "acted with grave abuse of discretion" when it declared Go ineligible for the two positions which she filed certificates of candidacy.

Clarification

In Lucena, the Comelec *en banc* reversed a decision by its first division on a disqualification charge filed against Mayor Talaga.

In a resolution dated May 9, the poll body declared that Talaga was qualified to run for mayor.

On April 20, Comelec first division commissioners Rufino Javier, Luzviminda Tancangco and Resurreccion Borja, acting on a petition for disqualification filed by Vice Mayor Raymundo Adormeo, ruled that Talaga had already been elected for three consecutive terms and was no longer qualified to run for another term.

Talaga argued that the continuity of his terms of office was interrupted by the two-year gap caused by Tagarao's term of office.

The division ruled to the contrary, citing the legal opinion of Fr. Joaquin Bernas, member of the Constitutional Commission that drafted the 1987 Constitution.

The Comelec *en banc* decision ruled that "Talaga was not elected for three consecutive terms by reason that he did not emerge as the winner in the May 11, 1998 election, in which he was only installed as mayor by being victorious in the recall election."

Tagaytay

In Tagaytay, the Comelec's first division ordered the disqualification of Mayor Tolentino (Lakas-NUCD-UMDP) on the ground that he had already served three consecutive terms.

In its May 10 decision, the Comelec explained that in 1992 Tolentino ran for mayor but it was his opponent, Benjamin Erni, who was proclaimed winner by the city board of canvassers.

Tolentino eventually filed a protest. On July 24, 1994, the Comelec annulled the proclamation of Erni and declared Tolentino the lawful and duly elected mayor.

The Supreme Court, in its decision on April 25, 1995, affirmed the Comelec ruling.

Tolentino ran for the same post and won during the 1995 and 1998 polls. The Comelec ordered the withdrawal and cancellation of Tolentino's certificate of candidacy and his name deleted from the official list of mayoral candidates.

The petition for disqualification was filed by his opponent, former Cavite senior board member Miriam Mendoza (Partido Magdalo).

In a press release faxed to the INQUIRER, Tolentino disputed the reports claiming that the matter was still pending deliberation by the Comelec *en banc* since his counsel, Haydee Yorac, has filed a motion for reconsideration.

Denials

In Digos City, the provincial election office has debunked claims that reelectionist Mayor Arsenio Latasa has been disqualified with finality by the Comelec *en banc*.

Edgardo Sadili, provincial election assistant, told the INQUIRER that the only decision they had received on the disqualification case filed against Latasa was the April 27 decision by the poll body's first division.

Earlier, Vice Mayor Romeo Sunga filed disqualification charges against Latasa for allegedly having violated the three-term limit set by the Constitution and the Local Government Code for all elective positions.

Latasa was already serving his last term when Digos was converted into a city on Sept. 8, 2000. Latasa contended that the jobs of a municipal and of the city mayor are distinct from each other.

On April 27, the Comelec first division favored Sunga's petition but gave Latasa a chance to file an appeal before the *en banc*.

Despite clarifications from the Comelec, the camp of Sunga, who is Latasa's main rival in the May 14 elections, continued distributing leaflets claiming that the mayor, has been disqualified with finality.

Latasa assailed Sunga's tactic saying his rival has resorted to falsification of public document just to defeat him.

Isabela

In Ilagan, Isabela, a disqualified gubernatorial candidate has asked the Comelec to disqualify his opponent for the latter's alleged links to car smuggling, gun theft and insurance fraud in the United States.

In a petition filed before the Comelec, former Angadanan Mayor Manuel Syquian asked the poll body to disqualify Rep. Faustino Dy Jr. from the gubernatorial race, claiming that Dy has 27 cases of car smuggling, gun theft and insurance in California and Los Angeles.

Syquian, who was earlier disqualified for being a "nuisance candidate," also alleged that Dy posted $750,000 in bail when he was served two warrants of arrest by the courts in Los Angeles in the early 1990s.

Syquian claimed Dy returned home to escape subsequent arrests.

Dy ran and won in the second congressional seat in Isabela in 1992. He completed his three terms this year and opted to run for governor.

Lawyer Dionisio Bala, counsel of the Dy family dismissed as "mere hearsay" Syquian's allegations in his petition filed before the Comelec.

Dy laughed off Syquian's allegation, calling it "a recycled, fabricated, politically motivated issue."

Syquian suggested that if his petition is not resolved before the May 14 elections, all votes for Dy should not be counted until the Comelec decides on the petition.

Vote-buying

In San Fernando City, the Comelec on Thursday received a petition to disqualify a father-and-son candidate for congressman (second district) and governor for alleged vote-buying.

Three supporters of re-electionist Rep. Tomas Dumpit, his son gubernatorial candidate Thomas Dumpit Jr., and mayoral candidate Lazaro Gayo of Tubao town were allegedly caught distributing P100 each to Tubao residents.

Former Rep. Victor Ortega and Board Member Rodolfo Rivera, both of Lakas-NUCD, asked the Comelec to disqualify the Dumpits in Monday's polls.

Ortega is running for governor against the younger Dumpit while Rivera is running for congressman against re-electionist Rep. Dumpit in the second district.

The elder Dumpit dismissed the allegations as "frame up."

Dumpit said the "whole thing was a sinister plot concocted by our political enemies to put us in a fix, especially at this time.

"Actually, it is the other party that is buying votes. We have people to testify against these people," Dumpit said.

Lawyer Andrew Barcena, provincial election supervisor, said Javier, Daclan and Romulo Gayo were arrested by residents of Tubao and were charged with violations of the election code before the regional trial court of Agoo, La Union. *Vicente Labro, PDI Visayas Bureau, Allan A. Nawal, PDI Mindanao Bureau, Delfin T. Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau, Villamor Visaya Jr., Gia Damaso-Dumo and Peter La. Julian, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

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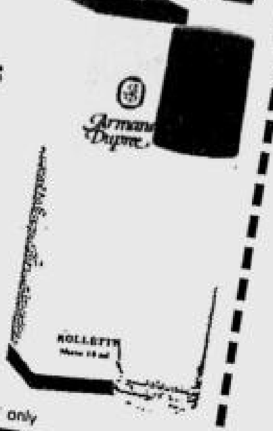

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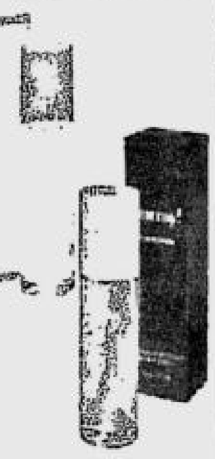

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The voters' agenda in the May 14 polls

THE ELECTION campaign period ended yesterday. It's now time for the candidates to shut up and listen to the people who will vote tomorrow.

VERBATIM

ARCHBISHOP FERNANDO CAPALLA
Davao City

VOTE according to your conscience. Vote for candidates with moral principles, pro-people, *makadiyos, makatao* and *maka-Mindanao.* Vote for people who are in favor of the peace process and those who are in favor of the peace talks so that peace will be achieved. Lasting peace can only be achieved if there are peace negotiations. And vote for candidates who will work for the agricultural development of Mindanao. Agriculture is a very important component in the development of Mindanao.

MARIA ELENA ESCUADRO
Public school teacher
Mati, Davao Oriental

I WILL not vote for candidates who will buy votes. I will even campaign against them.

I just hope peace-loving candidates win this election, those candidates who want to hold peace talks with the rebel groups.

LERRY L. VALDEZ
Faculty member, Mindanao State University-Iligan Institute of Technology
Iligan City

CANDIDATES should be true to their words. They should be altruistic and be accountable to God.

PURIFICATION DE LOS REYES
Private lending firm employee
Zamboanga City

LET us not vote along party lines. We should scrutinize each candidate—who has the best vision, plans and dedication to serve the city. These are the candidates who ought to be voted.

Zamboanga City's agenda? The government should look into the worsening garbage problem.

LINO MACATOL
President, Butuan Chamber of Commerce
Butuan City

THOSE who would be elected here should support and listen to the clamor of the business sector. Simple things like improvement of city streets to attract more businessmen.

Then, fast-track the repair of the Magsaysay Bridge and push for the building of a second bridge which will contribute much to the economy of the city.

A one-stop investment promotion center that will process business papers in a one-shot deal should be set up.

DOMINADOR DECANO
Tribal leader
Lantapan, Bukidnon

I'LL choose candidates who really care for our environment and the plight of indigenous peoples. They should have a good track record in promoting the rights of *lumads*.

ZENAIDA BATOCTOC
Homemaker
Digos City

THEY should give priority to peace and order problems, like theft, robbery and the drug menace.

ELEONOR OMANDAN
Agricultural technologist
Cotabato City

A CANDIDATE should be sincere in his promise to serve the people with all his heart, with all his dedication.

People should vote candidates not because they are related by blood but because they can do something for the society, especially the poor majority, and for peace, which is a prerequisite to development.

EVANGELINE QUILATON
Farm owner
Midsayap, North Cotabato

PEOPLE should elect candidates who give priority to agriculture development since our town's economy is agriculture-based.

KARLO MONDEJAR
Community organizer
Malaybalay City

ONE of the major issues in Bukidnon is land reform. So I think voters in this province should elect those who are not big landlords or those who are not known to protect the interests of big landlords.

CLARITO HABELLAR
Jeepney driver
Digos City

POLITICIANS should be able to help people by creating more jobs. This could actually come in the form of business investments. But how would investors come when instead of improving infrastructure, politicians busy themselves with constructing their own houses and building roads to their farms and favorite villages?

LAWYER LUZ RAMOS
Chair, Makalaya
General Santos City

I WILL go for candidates with a vision and not blinded by power, those who know how to listen to the voice of the people and not only of their cohorts. A candidate's agenda should emanate from the real people, not from those that surround them. Above all, the candidates I will vote are those with political will to execute the laws without fear or favor.

MONALISA MANZANO
College Student
Mati, Davao Oriental

TRANSPARENCY, transparency, transparency. Candidates should be transparent. Good governance is basically being transparent so that people will be able to participate and be actively involved in nation-building.

A candidate should also have clear and concrete programs especially for the coconut farmers. Ninety percent of the people in Davao Oriental rely on the coconut industry.

MAYBELLE DECANO
College student
Digos City

MORE youth-oriented programs, such as sports development, scholarship grants for deserving but poor students. If we look at the platform of politicians today, we rarely see any program that is geared toward youth development.

Gathered by H. Marcos C. Mordeno, Alden Pantaleon, Allan A. Nawal, Jonathan F. Ma, Edwin O. Fernandez, Jonathan F. Ma, Christine Godinez-Ortega, Ferdinand O. Zuasola, Jowel F. Canuday and Aquiles Z. Zonio

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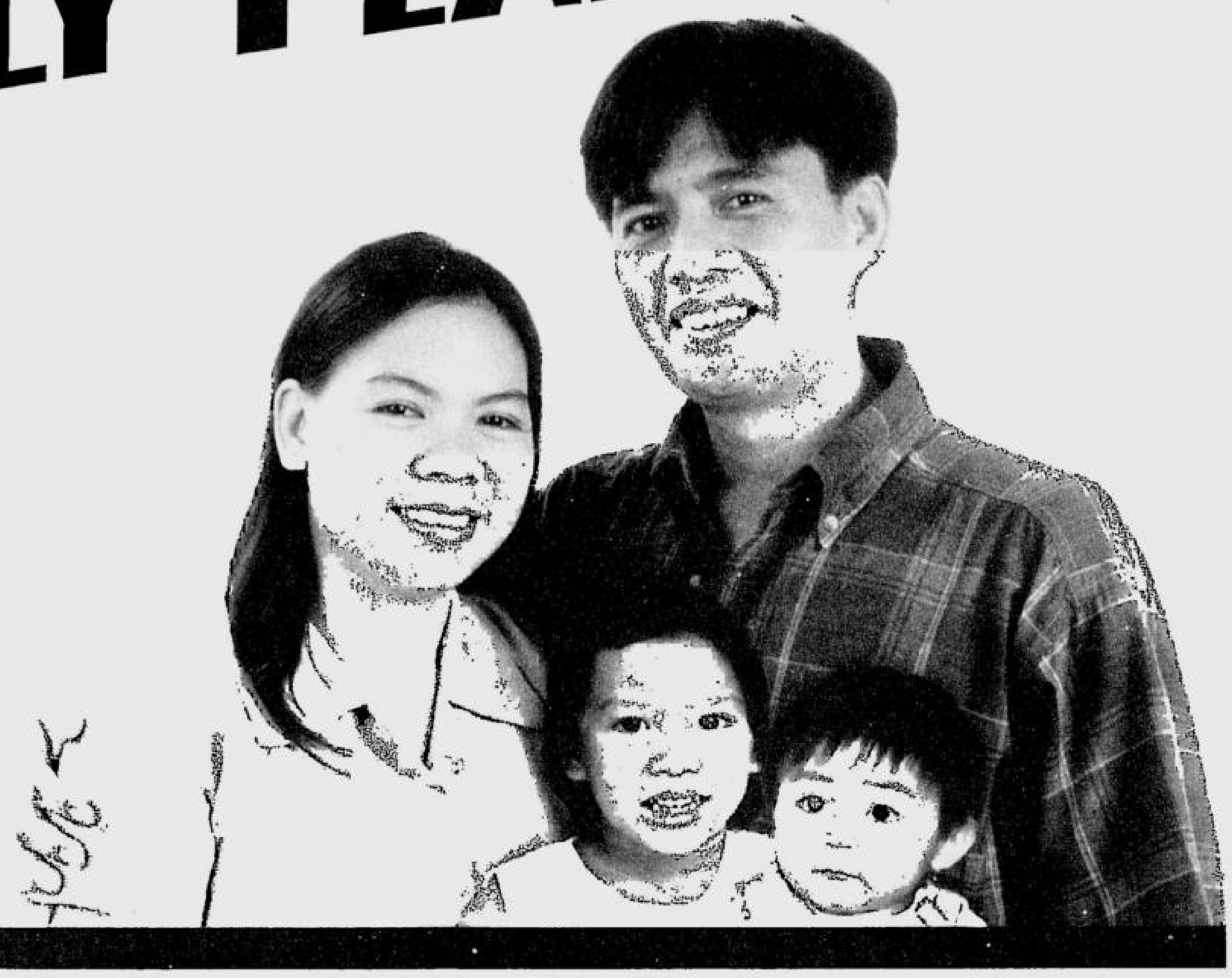

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Kasalukuyan nang iniimbestigahan ang mga utak ng rebelyon. Ang mga kapatid nating maralita ay binibigyan na ng kaukulang tulong ng pamahalaan. Si Pangulong Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo ay nagbigay na ng utos na siguruhin na maayos ang kalagayan ng mga demonstrador na nasa kulungan at, kasabay nito, na walang nilalabag na karapatang pantao. Ipinag-utos din ng Pangulo na pawalan na ang mga demostrador at tulungang makauwi sa kani-kanilang probinsya o tahanan. Bigyan ng pamasahe, kung kinakailangan.

Ito ay hindi laban ng mayaman sa mahirap o simbahan sa kapwa simbahan. Ito ay Pilipino laban sa kahirapan. Magkakaroon ng tunay na kaunlaran at katahimikan kung malulutas ang kakulangan ng trabaho, hanapbuhay o negosyo, bubong sa ulo, pagkain sa bawa't mesa, edukasyon para sa kabataan at pabahay.

Maibubuwal natin ang kahirapan kung magkakapit-bisig ang gobyerno at pribadong sektor, ang manggagawa at mamumuhunan, ang mayaman at mahirap.

Ibalik natin ang tiwala sa ating kapwa.
Ibalik natin ang tiwala sa ating sarili, sa ating kakayahan.
Ibalik natin ang tiwala sa ating pamahalaan, sa ating bayan.
Ibalik natin ang tiwala sa ating Panginoon.

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PPC, Pwersa try to repair cracks

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that was read to the crowd and wherein he endorsed all of his co-candidates except for De Castro.

De Castro, a "guest candidate" of the LDP-PnM who had consistently called himself an "independent," did not attend any of its campaign sorties and recently publicly contradicted his co-candidates over the May 1 attack on Malacañang by Estrada loyalists.

Ms Macapagal made a surprise two-hour visit yesterday to the Lakas headquarters in Makati City supposedly to check on its "operations and preparations" for tomorrow's polls.

"The elections are actually a dry run for 2004," Rufino told the INQUIRER in a phone interview.

Rufino said Lakas, which had been on 24-hour operations since last week, would carry all the PPC senatorial candidates.

Osmeña had said that PPC leaders planned to expel Lakas after the May 14 polls for not honoring its commitments to the coalition.

"Lakas is ignoring what they're saying and we'll handle this matter after the elections," said Rufino, who serves as the President's political adviser.

He said he had yet to talk with Osmeña and was surprised at the latter's statement.

Roll call

The candidates present at the LDP-PnM *miting de avance* were Edgardo Angara, Senators Miriam Defensor-Santiago, Juan Ponce Enrile and Gregorio Honasan, Estrada's wife Luisa Ejercito, Ricardo Puno, Panfilo Lacson, Orlando Mercado, Santanina Rasul, Jamby Madrigal and Ombra Tamano.

Program hosts Sen. Tito Sotto and Boots Anson-Roa also did not mention De Castro, who was reportedly scheduled to hold his own *miting de avance* yesterday.

The INQUIRER repeatedly tried to get De Castro's campaign schedule, but his staff did not return calls.

The Cuneta Astrodome, which has a maximum seating capacity of 12,000, was not packed, to the disappointment of some LDP-PnM campaign officials.

At the height of the assembly, the INQUIRER estimated the crowd at 10,000. It began to thin out even before all the candidates could speak. It had diminished by a third by the time the last speaker, Enrile, took the stage.

Even at the onset of the campaign, the LDP-PnM candidates were divided on whether to make an issue out of Estrada's ouster from the presidency.

The candidates also never went on the stump together. De Castro, Honasan, Lacson, Canoy and, to a certain degree, Puno and Mercado, campaigned on their own.

Their differences came to a peak during the five-day loyalist rallies at the Edsa Shrine that culminated in the violent assault on the Palace.

Enrile, Santiago, Honasan and Lacson were said to have advocated the storming of Malacañang, which was reportedly vigorously opposed by the group that included Angara, Puno and Mercado.

But when the government began its crackdown on the suspected instigators, the "moderates" immediately came to the defense of the "hardliners."

'Mainstream party'

In a phone interview with the INQUIRER in Cebu City, Lakas chair Jose de Venecia said the party could not be expelled because "it is the mainstream party" in the PPC.

Rufino echoed this view, saying: "If the reports are correct in quoting Osmeña, the expulsion will not succeed. The Lakas-NUCD is the dominant and largest party in the PPC."

De Venecia said "the coalition is very strong." He added: "We are proud of Lito Osmeña. We are supporting him. Lakas is behind all his candidates. Talks that there are cracks in the coalition are just intrigue."

Asked to comment on reports that Osmeña was aggrieved by Kampi's decision to endorse Alvin Garcia for mayor of Cebu City, De Venecia said: "Kampi is not Lakas. It is 100-percent Peping Cojuangco (the brother of former President Corazon Aquino)."

Kampi, the party founded by then Vice President Macapagal in 1998, entered into a coalition with Lakas. But according to De Venecia, Kampi had long backed out of this coalition because it wanted to "preserve its identity."

Asked why Ms Macapagal did not proclaim the PPC candidates in Cebu City, De Venecia said: "You better ask the President or the press secretary."

But a local Lakas official said Osmeña was hitting De Venecia because the Promdi leader could not attack the President.

The source said Osmeña was upset that Ms Macapagal had not proclaimed Promdi candidates led by Cebu City mayoral bet Tomas Osmeña although she had endorsed some local candidates in Bohol.

But according to the source, Osmeña could not move to expel Lakas from the PPC without consulting civil society.

"The PPC is not composed of just political parties, but of nongovernment organizations as well," the source pointed out.

The President earlier authorized Promdi to select PPC candidates, but she did not "properly" endorse them in a political rally.

PPC rally at Ultra

Last night, the coalition came together.

Three of the nation's last four presidents exhorted a crowd of at least 15,000 to vote 13-0 in favor of administration candidates at the *miting de avance* of the People Power Coalition at the Ultra stadium in Pasig City.

Ms Macapagal, Corazon Aquino and Fidel Ramos showed up to lend their support to the 13 candidates, all in yellow campaign vests, in the colorful, star-studded affair.

A large video screen flashed scenes of the People Power II uprising, as candidates urged the public to preserve the gains of the hard-won victory.

Ms Macapagal thanked the crowd for its support, saying that she believed that the PPC candidates were way ahead of their rivals from the Puwersa ng Masa, while Ramos repeated that 13 was Joseph Estrada's unlucky number.

The stadium was festooned by red, blue and yellow balloons, and spirits were high as the Apo Hiking Society emceed the program. Stars led by Sharon Cuneta and Vilma Santos, both wives of PPC candidates, endorsed the candidates—and got the loudest cheers. ***With a report from Malou Guanzon-Apalisok, PDI Visayas Bureau***

Multi-media poll coverage at its best

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but all together, we make a powerful combination," he added.

According to Samson, the convergence hopes to "showcase a world-class CNN-type coverage" featuring "man-in-the-street" segments picked up by modern satellites and nationwide networks.

GMA-7 will feature live, up-to-the-minute interviews with voters, political analysts, opinion-makers and officials of the Commission on Elections, National Movement for Free Elections, Philippine National Police, Armed Forces of the Philippines, and other government agencies, as well as the business sector.

There will be simulcast reports hooking up all media partners and special segments highlighting key issues of the elections.

Quick counts

Four quick counts by the Namfrel, Comelec, Veritas-CMN and AMA Computer, the quick count partner of Eleksyon 2001, will be broadcast. On the lighter side, election trivia will also be aired.

"Internal controls are in place to ensure that there will be no mistakes in our count," said AMA senior vice president Karim Bangcola. "The software will validate the number of registered voters, and thousands of volunteers have been well oriented on issues such as validity and credibility."

Bangcola added: "We are glad to put our networks, resources, manpower and IT capital to good use. We welcome the synergy of all our partners, all of which are no. 1."

The AMA will conduct its quick count at the precinct level with a total of 8,000 volunteers, most of them students. It will also organize its 200 branches nationwide into data centers that will process votes through a computer system.

The results of its quick count will be text-accessible by Smart Handyphone subscribers.

The Veritas-CMN count will mobilize thousands of parish volunteers and church groups to monitor precinct results in all regions throughout the country.

Msgr. Hernando Coronel said the Veritas-CMN count hopes to tabulate 50 to 60 percent of the votes nationwide in three days, the results of which are expected to come in faster than the Comelec and Namfrel counts.

"All measures shall be undertaken to avoid double-counting and trending," he said.

Inq7.Net will feature official tabulations from all four quick counts. To prevent tampering and ensure accurate information, data will be sourced through direct lines.

News of Inq7.Net will also be delivered via text messages by Smart Telecommunications.

Impact

Leo Magno, Inq7.Net vice president for vortals (vertical portals), expressed confidence in the impact of the coverage in both local and international terms.

"During People Power II, we received one million page views every day, and 1.5 million during the Malacañang riots. We look forward to getting over a million on election day," Magno said.

To complement the support of Inq7.Net, the GMA Network has acquired additional state-of-the-art technology for the election coverage.

This includes two brand-new units of satellite news-gathering equipment that will enable it to broadcast live from anywhere in the Philippines and the Asia-Pacific region, using the Agila 2 satellite.

Robert Barreiro, senior vice president for GMA Network Operations, said the partnership's formidability should not only be measured by its extensive networks, combined resources and use of state-of-the-art technology.

"More than size, resources and manpower, we should look at the integrity of the partners. Eleksyon 2001 comprises some of the country's most credible media institutions, which, I'm sure, will provide fair and balanced reporting," Barreiro said.

To help voters, the GMA Studio will have a call center where viewers can phone in their complaints. Viewers may also call the center to find out where they can vote. Operators will be on standby to assist them, using MapCentral's "findprecint.com."

"The comprehensive, all-media coverage of the elections by the INQUIRER, GMA-7 and its multimedia partners will blaze a trail in the political and media history of the country," INQUIRER publisher Isagani Yambot said.

He added: "I am sure that the viewing and listening audience, website visitors, text readers and newspaper readers will find Eleksyon 2001 an informative, up-to-the-minute source of news about the elections."

They mother shrine

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much refuse for them to clean up, and the disorderly crowd would not cooperate with the old women when they asked them to keep away from certain areas.

"I told the teenagers that it was dangerous to stay on the fiberglass roof (at the base of the bronze statue of Our Lady of Peace), but they did not listen," recalls Aling Marsing. "They even threatened me, and told me not to meddle again, so I just shut up."

Aling Marsing is the caretaker of the inner court, in charge of the mundane task of mopping the Shrine and sweeping the grounds.

The feisty 73-year-old woman has served the parish for the past nine years, taking only Sundays off to spend time with her grandchildren and go to church.

Debt to church

She owes a lot to the church, Aling Marsing says.

In the twilight of her life, as she was about to retire from 19 years of being a Metro aide, she was taken into the care of the parish.

Msgr. Soc Villegas, parish rector, had noticed her regularly working in both hellish traffic and high water, diligently sweeping the stretch of road from the Shrine to the Poveda Learning Center.

The priest took her in and gave her a job.

Since 1992, Aling Marsing has reported to work at 4:30 a.m. and left the premises spic-and-span late in the evening.

She works as hard as ever, even though back pains have started to bother her.

Aling Glo joined her in 1995, highly recommended by her neighbor, the Shrine's gardener. The well-cultivated gardens inside and outside the parish are her handiwork.

On days when she cannot do all the gardening alone, she brings along one of her five children to help out.

"All of them love gardening," she says proudly. "They also have a way with plants. They take after me in that respect."

Strict, soft

It is the stubbornness of today's youth that troubles Aling Marsing, who admits disciplining her seven children and 20 grandchildren with an iron hand, "to teach them the right way and mold their character early."

"They're scared of me because I'm the strict one in the family," she says with a smile. "I don't want them to get into drugs or anything that will ruin their lives. I just want them to study and pay attention to the important things in life."

Aling Marsing lives in Antipolo with her second husband, a disabled daughter and the latter's four children. Her first husband, an alcoholic, died of a lung disease.

Ever the protective mother, she advised her daughter to leave a husband who was also an alcoholic, which proved to be a wise decision.

The softer Aling Glo, though less strict, says she has made it a point to teach all her children, girls and boys alike, domestic chores to equip them with the ability to build good homes.

Now and then, when there is enough money, she and her family eat out, but not before attending Mass.

"I'm probably just going to church to celebrate Mother's Day," she says. "That should be enough."

"I am fine with what I have. I do not desire money," says Aling Marsing. "I am happy serving the church."

After all these years, playing mother to the Shrine is still its own reward.

She'll bury son on Mother's Day

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five days after birth. She has not heard from three other children since 1996.

"My love was so immense for John-John. I think it was the love that I was not able to make my three children feel," she told the INQUIRER.

Since last year, when Baby began working as a stay-in helper in Guadalupe, Makati, she has only seen John-John on weekends.

But the young boy, christened John Gabriel, bridged the gap by calling his mother every day to share his adventures with his playmates and give her a wish list of "pasalubong (presents)."

He was so excited about a toy laser gun that she gave him on Christmas that he would endlessly pull the trigger so Baby could hear the sound over the telephone.

Saturday, May 5, was the last time that Baby listened to John-John play with his laser gun and tell her excitedly of his dream of flying an airplane.

About 11 p.m. that day, several men dressed as police allegedly stormed Barangay Tañong and started rounding up all the men in the area.

Hundreds of men hid in several fishing boats docked on the shore to elude the armed men, witnesses said.

Romy took John-John with him to one of the boats since the boy would have been left alone in their shanty.

After the "policemen" left, Romy and the other men went back to their homes, but John-John was nowhere to be found.

A mad search turned up the boy's body entangled in ropes along the shoreline early Sunday morning.

About 9 a.m. that day, a relative phoned Baby in Guadalupe to break the tragic news.

Baby screamed as she desperately sought a reason for her son's untimely death.

"Why a child of mine? Whomever I love, I lose," she asked, repeating a question she had asked 13 years earlier.

The trip back to Navotas felt like the longest two hours in her life.

Memories she had thought long forgotten suddenly streamed back into her consciousness—a wife-beating husband, the death of her second child, the thought of not seeing her other children again.

The sight of John-John in his tiny coffin pushed her to what felt like the verge of insanity.

Baby will forever keep away from politics, knowing that it was politics that took her son away.

Life fighting poverty

Baby supports Joseph Estrada, but she did not join the loyalist rally at Edsa nor any other pro-Estrada mass action. All her time, all her energy, all her life have been spent fighting poverty.

One of nine children born to a poor farmer and his wife in Baybay, Leyte, Baby had just finished elementary at age 15 when she decided to work in Manila in 1983. She has not seen her parents since.

She first worked as housemaid in Taguig for a monthly salary of P150, which she sent straight to her family every payday.

The next year, she transferred to the home of her father's niece in Marikina, where she worked in exchange for only board and lodging.

It was in Marikina that she met Rodrigo Tejario, a scavenger (*magbobote*) who would become her tormentor for the next seven years.

Baby was 16 and Rodrigo, 28.

He lived in a nearby apartment, and everyday, would offer her modest gifts. "I wasn't really interested in him," Baby said. "He was sweet but that was nothing. I preferred to keep the company of my other friends."

But one day, Rodrigo invited her to visit his sister's house in nearby Barangay Barangka. The visit went on until late in the evening so the sister invited them to stay for the night. Baby accepted the offer—a choice that proved to be a disastrous mistake.

The next day, her relatives were fuming. No amount of reasoning and pleading could convince them that Baby had not slept with Rodrigo and was not pregnant.

The relatives brought Baby to Rodrigo and to her doom. They told him that he should marry her. Rodrigo responded with a wicked grin and told Baby: "That's the way it is, you're meant for me."

The marriage did not take place, but Baby became Rodrigo's unwilling common-law wife nonetheless.

It did not take long for the man to show his true colors. For the next seven years, Rodrigo was perennially accusing Baby of having a lover. He would force her to admit it by beating her black and blue.

Baby endured the physical and emotional abuse just so as not to disappoint her relatives.

In 1986, at age 18, Baby had her first child, Mary Jane. Two years later, a second child was born, a "blue baby," who was named after Rodrigo and survived for five days.

Milk for dead baby

His death pushed Baby over the edge of a nervous breakdown.

At night, she would rouse herself from sleep and visit her son's grave at the cemetery. In the quiet of the night, she would expose her breast and offer him her milk.

"I knew whenever he was hungry," she said.

Baby slowly retreated from the world. She refused to eat and barely engaged in conversation.

She finally returned to her senses a year later when she suddenly caught sight of 3-year-old Mary Jane staring at her. "Her look woke me up. I realized I still had a reason to live. I had her."

The couple were to have two more children, Marlon Jay and Mark Jeffrey.

In December 1991, Rodrigo gave Baby the beating of all beatings. She left him and her three children for good just before Christmas that year. She was 23.

She worked as a housemaid in Pasig for a monthly salary of P1,800, allowing her to send money again to her family in Leyte.

But even in her new job, Baby remained haunted by the terror of her seven-year relationship with Rodrigo. She so wanted to protect her children from him but did not know how.

Romy, a friend of Rodrigo, offered to help. He accompanied Baby to Marikina to convince Rodrigo to let her have the children.

Rodrigo did not go berserk as they had expected. But he told Baby to leave him and the children alone. She did not see any of the youngsters.

On Valentine's Day, Romy offered to take Baby for a swim in Manila Bay in Barangay Tañong.

It was the first time that she had seen the sea since she left Leyte in 1983. And for the first time in many years, she was happy.

Romy and Baby decided to live together in a small shanty in Tañong, where the husband worked as a fisherman and pedicab driver, earning P100 a day. Baby washed clothes for their neighbors.

Secret meeting

On May 13, 1996, Baby, then 10 months pregnant, decided to visit Mary Jane on her fifth birthday in Marikina.

A junk shop owner, for whom Rodrigo had worked, offered to arrange a secret meeting between Baby and her daughter.

They met in a friend's house. "Upon seeing me, she started to cry. She couldn't believe it. They had told her I was dead and buried in Loyola Memorial Park."

For several minutes, the daughter could only stare at her mother, tears flowing down her cheeks. Finally, the junk shop owner lifted Mary Jane onto her mother's lap.

At first, the daughter tried to fight off Baby's embrace. But when she recognized her mother's moles on her chin and right arm, she melted into her arms, still sobbing.

Before Baby left late in the evening, Mary Jane took a stick and wrote her name and her mother's on the muddy floor outside the house.

Baby left without promising to see her daughter again. But Mary Jane did not complain. "I understand. Papa was always hurting you," the five-year-old told her mother.

Two months later, on July 5, 1996, John-John was born. Everything that Baby was not able to offer her three children by Rodrigo she dedicated herself to giving her young son.

Now, with John-John gone, the one dream that Baby takes comfort in is the thought of someday celebrating Mother's Day with those three long-lost children.

Batanes town shows 'em how

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unusual to see candidates engage in friendly banter, poke fun at each other, share rides, dine together and even hold rallies as a group.

Itbayat is one of the three major islands of Batanes. And all candidates—from mayor to councilor—are running as independents.

As independents, all the candidates enjoy the freedom to vote on the basis of their conscience, not on party platforms, according to Romy Gonzales, who is running for mayor.

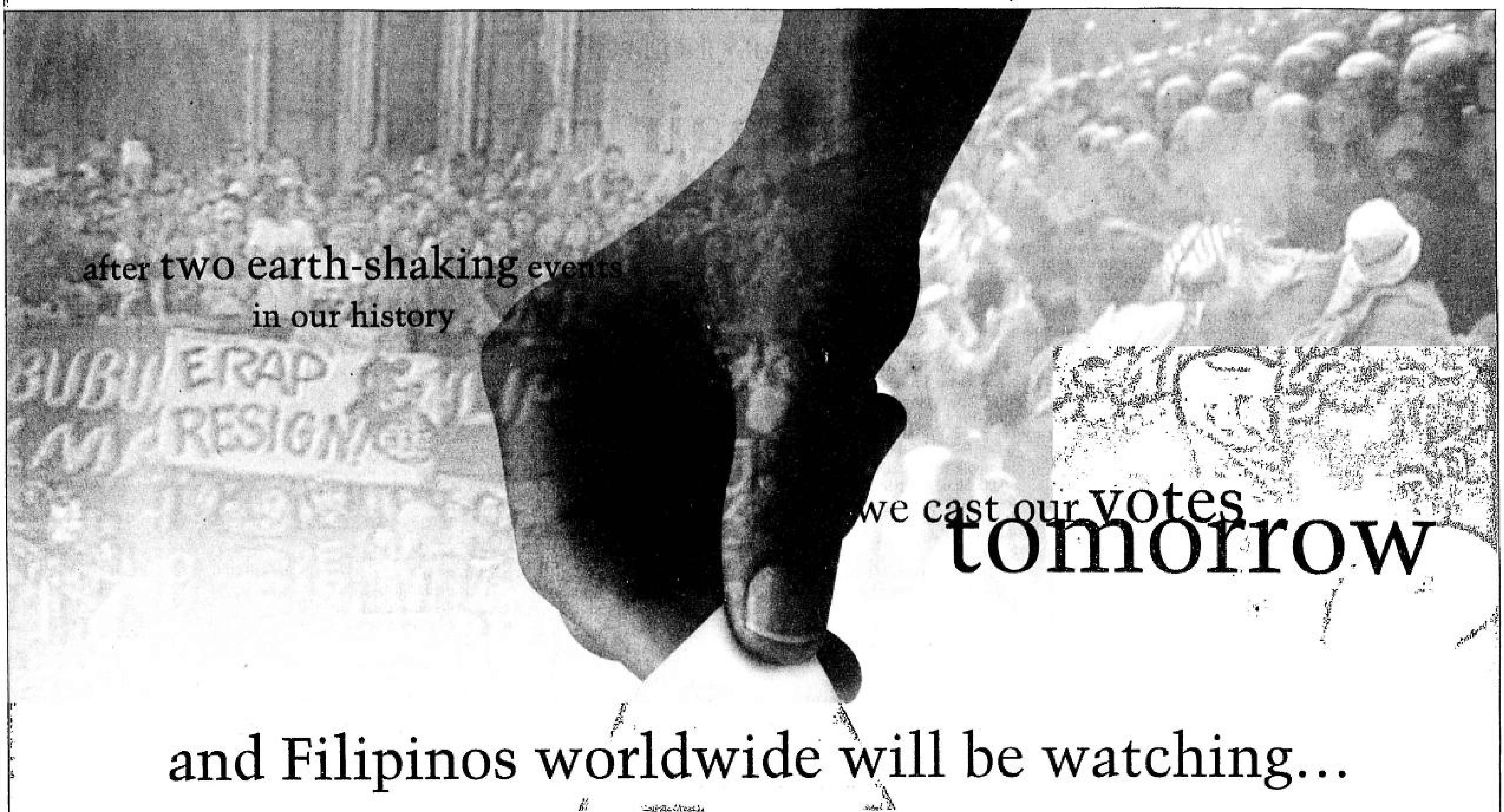
He said Ivatans, being related to one another by blood or affinity, were not in the habit of offending anybody.

This island town is the hometown of reelectionist Gov. Vicente Gato, who is being challenged by former Gov. Telesforo Castillejos.

A new face in Batanes politics, journalist Precy Yadan, is challenging reelectionist Florencio Abad for the lone congressional seat of Batanes.

Yadan, a former Miss Batanes Red Feather, is presenting herself as an alternative to the Abads and Castillejoses, two political kingpins who have dominated Batanes politics.

Gato and Abad belong to the Liberal Party-People Power Coalition, while Castillejos and Yadan belong to the Lakas-NUCD.



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LAKERS NEAR SWEEP

Raptors rout Sixers for 2-1 lead

TORONTO—Vince Carter put on a record-breaking playoff performance Friday night, making his first eight 3-pointers and finishing with 50 points as Toronto beat Philadelphia 102-78 for a 2-1 lead in the Eastern Conference semifinal.

Carter became the 16th NBA player to score 50 in a postseason game. He reached that plateau with 2:58 left to give Toronto a 22-point lead.

Carter, who finished one point shy of his career-high of 51, finished with nine 3-pointers, tying the postseason record set by Rex Chapman of Phoenix in 1997, and his eight 3-pointers in the first two quarters broke the old record of six 3-pointers in a half shared by several players. Carter had 34 points at halftime, five short of the NBA record for points in a half set by Sleepy Floyd of Golden State in 1987.

Antonio Davis added 20 points and 14 rebounds for Toronto, and Chris Childs had 16 points and 10 assists. Carter added seven assists, six rebounds and four blocks.

Allen Iverson, who scored 54 points in Game 2, led Philadelphia with 23 points but shot just 7-for-22 from the field and 8-for-15 from the line. Aaron McKie added 17 points.

Game 4 is Sunday in Toronto.

Lakers 103, Kings 81

In Sacramento, California, Kobe Bryant scored 26 of his 36 points in the second half, and Shaquille O'Neal had 21 points and 18 rebounds as Los Angeles won its 14th straight game and took a 3-0 lead over Sacramento in the Western Conference semifinal series.

The Lakers will go for a sweep in Game 4 on Sunday.

Bryant got in early foul trouble, and missed 10 straight shots at one point. But he scored nine straight points during a critical second-half stretch as the Lakers broke open a tight game and cruised to an easy victory.

Sabonis raps Blazers

KAUNAS, Lithuania — Arvydas Sabonis, a Lithuanian center for the Portland Trail Blazers in the U.S. National Basketball Association, has sharply criticized his team for having too many overpaid but underperforming stars. The 2.2-meter (7-foot-3) Sabonis complained that the team lost 17 of its final 25 games despite an NBA-record $ 90 million payroll. The Los Angeles Lakers swept Portland 3-0 in the first round of the Western Conference playoffs. *AP*

CARTER celebrates a basket during Game 3 of the Toronto-Philadelphia Eastern Conference semifinals. Toronto won to take a 2-1 lead in the best-of-seven series. AP

BYRON CLASSIC

Duval shares lead; Woods 5 shots off

IRVING, Texas — David Duval saved a tough par out of the bunker on the 18th hole for a 5-under 65 on Friday to pull into a share of the lead with Scott Verplank in the Byron Nelson Classic.

"I'm more excited about the way I'm playing now than I have been for quite some time," said Duval, who has had to cope with an equipment lawsuit and wrist injury this year, not to mention a runner-up finish to Tiger Woods in the Masters.

Woods headed to the practice range after a 68 left him five shots out of the lead, far from thrilled over an iron game that gave him plenty of birdie chances but not many of them close to the hole.

"When you have 20-footers (6-meter putts) all day, you're not going to make many birdies," said Woods, who still managed four of them in his 24th consecutive round at par or better.

One day after matching a career-low 62, Verplank overcame a sluggish start with back-to-back birdies and had a 67. He and Duval were at 11-under 129, one stroke shy of the 36-hole record last set by Woods two years ago.

Robert Damron had a 64 and was another stroke back. Vijay Singh, the last player besides Woods to win a major, birdied four of his last five holes at Cottonwood Valley and was at 131.

DUVAL

Woods didn't exactly disappear.

With enormous galleries enduring a hot sun to watch Woods in his first tournament back since sweeping the majors with his Masters victory, he was at 134, five strokes behind but still in good position to make a run at his fourth straight PGA Tour victory. *AP*

Joppy stakes title against Trinidad

NEW YORK —Promoter Don King has jumped into the heavyweight championship sweepstakes by signing WBC-IBF champion Hasim Rahman, The Associated Press has learned.

A source who has been close to negotiations for a rematch between Rahman and Lennox Lewis said King signed a deal with Rahman Friday. The source spoke on condition of anonymity.

"I have no comment on that," King said. "I can't confirm or deny it.

"I have no interest in anything about Rahman until the Tito Trinidad fight is over," he said.

King promotes Felix "Tito" Trinidad Jr., who is challenging WBA middleweight champion William Joppy Saturday night in Madison Square Garden.

Eric Bottjer, matchmaker for Cedrick Kushner, who promoted Rahman's upset of Lewis on April 22 in South Africa, said Kushner told him to tell the media, "Right now, I have no comment. I am talking to my lawyers."

TRINIDAD

King would like to have Rahman defend at least one of his titles against Brian Nielsen of Denmark underneath a third bout between WBA champion John Ruiz and Evander Holyfield in August in China. The winners would then fight.

HBO, which has a contract with Lewis, has offered Rahman a multimillion-dollar purse and a rich multiple-fight deal for a rematch. Another cable TV channel, Showtime, which has a contract with Tyson, has offered Rahman similar conditions to fight the former undisputed heavyweight champion. *AP*

Fight on '9'

VIVA Vintage Sports will telecast the William Joppy-Felix Trinidad Jr. world middleweight title fight at 11:30 a.m. today over RPN 9, right after game Four of the San Antonio Spurs-Dallas Mavericks NBA playoffs which begins at 9 a.m.

SPORTSWATCH

Ringside stages RP championship

RINGSIDE @ Elorde is staging another Philippine championship on May 16 at the Grand Flash Ballroom of the Elorde Sports Complex in Parañaque City. Abner Cordero will defend his bantamweight title against Pan Asian Boxing Association champion Joel Junio. Undefeated lightweight Sukarno Banjao collides with Ben Albanez, while flyweight Bert Cano battles Flash Morillo in the supporting bouts.

Predator Cup goes to Albay

KASIBULAN chair Juan Miguel Romualdez and German football expert Bernd Fischer recently met with Mayor Fernando Gonzales of Ligao, Albay, and Iranian brothers Tagi and Meti Kashev to discuss the implementation of the Adidas Predator Cup in Albay. Predator Cup is the competition phase of Kasibulan 6-12, the grassroots development program of the Philippine Football Federation in cooperation with the Department of Education, Culture and Sports with Adidas and Milo as sponsors. Areas where the Predator Cup will be held are Ligao, Guinobatan, Tabaco and Legaspi City.

Capriati edges Martinez

BERLIN—Jennifer Capriati, surely the year s comeback player, had to show why Friday against wily Spanish veteran Conchita Martinez. Capriati needed two hours to pull out a thrilling 2-6, 6-3, 6-4 victory against the defending champion at the German Open after coming within a point of trailing 0-3 in the final set. Top-seeded Martina Hingis also won 6-3, 7-6 (4) against Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario at the $1.185 million event, gaining revenge for a straight sets loss to the Spaniard last month at Amelia Island. *AP*

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GMA guest of honor in Para sa Kawal golf

PRESIDENT Arroyo will be the guest of honor in the GMA Para sa Kawal Cup to be held at the Riviera Golf and Country Club on May 19.

The country's top corporations have confirmed their participation in the tournament, according to Alay sa Kawal Foundation chair Edgardo Espiritu. Among them are Toyota Motors Phils., Shell Philippines Exploration, Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation, Philippine National Oil Company, and Retirement and Separation Benefits System of the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

"This is an undertaking of the private sector to show our support for our men and women in uniform. Every cent we raise here will be for the benefit of our soldiers," said Espiritu. "We are happy to support the President's commitment to our fighting men and women."

Jophn Blanch, general manager of Riviera, will be overseeing the tournament. Blanch said there will be separate competitions on the Langer course and the Couples course.

A brand-new Toyota Camry has been staked as a hole-in-one prize. Golfers will receive a utility bag, T-shirt, golf cap and golf balls signed by Ms Arroyo.

Interested parties may contact Eduardo Santiago at the ASK office in Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City at tels. 9135428 and 9116001-6837.

Alaga hosts tourney for Mike

A SPECIAL golf tournament in honor of First Gentleman Jose Miguel "Mike" Arroyo will be hosted by the Ateneo Law Alumni Golf Association (Alaga) on Tuesday, June 5, at the Alabang Country Club in cooperation with the Ateneo Law Alumni Foundation Inc.

Interested alumni are requested to register early at the following registration centers: ALAFI Secretariat c/o Marissa 8994346 or 8994373 and Alaga Secretariat lawyer Ed Gaddi 826-2103 or 826-4205 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Registration ends June 1.

Proceeds from the tournament have been earmarked for the funding of special public service projects of the Ateneo Law Alumni Foundation Inc. (Alafi) headed by former CA Justice Hector Hofilena, former BSP Governor Gabby Singson, Alafi President Dondon del Castillo, the Rev. Joaquin Bernas, SJ with Alafi Trustee Ed Gaddi as tournament director.

The tournament is open to the first 150 golfing alumni and special friends of the Ateneo College of Law, on a first-to-reserve basis.

The tournament fee is P2,000 inclusive of green fee, food and drinks and the raffle of P200,000 worth of door prizes for non-Alabang members and P1,000 for Alabang members.

The format is handicap play, latest certified Club handicap or current index card.

INTERVILLAGE BET

Eddy Chan of Merville Village hits a teeshot during the opening round of the Alaxan Intervillage South tournament at Wack Wack recently. Participating are villages in Paranaque, Las Pinas and Muntinlupa.

GOLFWATCH

Hanson hangs on

FRANKLIN, Tennessee—Tracy Hanson shot her second straight 5-under-par 67 on Friday to take a one-stroke lead in the rain-suspended second round of the Electrolux USA Championship. Swedish star Annika Sorenstam was at 6 under with three holes left as she tries to win for the sixth time in her last seven tournaments. Australia's Karrie Webb, playing her first LPGA Tour event since tying for second in the Nabisco Championship on March 25, was 3 under with 16 holes to play *AP*

Golf Power today

GOLF POWER presents the 3rd PJGF—Tagaytay Highlands International Golf Club today. The tournament is sponsored by the Tagaytay Highlands International Golf Club through its president, Greg Yu. Also featured is Tagaytay Highland's newest project exclusively for its members—The Spa and Lodge, Chris Walkey's golf tips and the regular dosage of golf trivia, definition and rules. Golf Power, now on its sixth year, is aired every Sunday, 3 p.m. on IBC-13.

5th McDo tilt May 21

THE RONALD McDonald House Charities Phils. will stage its 5th annual golf tournament at the Sta. Elena Golf and Country Club on May 21. Tee-off is at 7 a.m. The tournament is being held as part of the year-long celebrations of McDonald's Philippines' 20th anniversary. It aims to raise at least P2 million for the benefit of pediatric social service patients living within the geographic area of St. Luke's Medical center. For details on how to participate or send donation, call tels. 813-0964 or 815-4708 local 271.

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Coulthard fastest in practice

SPIELBERG, Austria—Four races, four second places for David Coulthard in the Formula One. After posting the fastest time in Friday's free practice, Coulthard appears ready for another assault on the hilly, twisting track in Austria's verdant countryside surrounded by still snowcapped Alpine peaks. *AP*

Sunday SPORTS

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Tuason, Barrios PSA guests

PHILIPPINE Sports Commission Chair Butch Tuason and PSC Commissioners Weena Lim will grace Tuesday's Sports Forum starting at 10:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn together with acting PBA Commissioner Sonny Barrios. Tuason and Lim will talk, among others, about the Southeast Asian Games in Kuala Lumpur in September.

Inspired Ginebra seeks equalizer

GINEBRA'S Mark Caguioa soars for a lay-up past the outstretched arm of San Miguel's Danny Ildefonso in the PBA Finals Friday night. Ginebra won, 82-80, to trim San Miguel's lead, 2-1, in the best-of-7 playoffs. ERNIE SARMIENTO

BARANGAY Ginebra may have won a battle, but does it have what it takes to win the PBA All-Filipino Cup against San Miguel Beer?

If you ask Ginebra coach Allan Caidic, the answer is a resounding yes.

"We took out the idea that we can't beat San Miguel," said Caidic after his team's victory Friday night over the Beermen that trimmed SMB's lead to 2-1 in their best-of-seven series.

The Gin Kings' morale may have been boosted tenfold going to today's Game 4 at the Araneta Coliseum, but the fact remains that they are still the underdogs in the series.

In last Friday's Game 3, San Miguel led in rebounds (48-38), assists (21-16), steals (5-3) and points scored off turnovers (15-11).

"All this time, San Miguel always got the better of us," said Caidic Friday. "It looked as if they know all our moves. Tonight, we proved that we could win against them."

The Gins got an extra boost from a highly partisan crowd which helped Ginebra's endgame blitz not to sputter.

Ronald Magtulis preserved Ginebra's win with two offensive rebounds with less than a minute left, securing that 2-point victory, 82-80.

"I thought we still had a ballgame when they missed the first one," said SMB coach Jong Uichico of Vergel Meneses' bungled jumper. "But when they got the rebound, the game was over."

Bal David missed another shot but Magtulis again saved the ball as time ran out, sealing the Gins' first win over SMB in two years.

Ginebra's big men also had a good job defending against Game 2 hero Danny Ildefonso, who shot 1-of-9 from the floor and made just five points.

Collectively, the Beermen's shooting was off, turning in a 39 percent accuracy against the Gins' 47.

GAME TODAY (Araneta)
6:15 p.m. – SMB vs Ginebra
(Game 4)

Series at a Glance:
Game 1—SMB 81, Ginebra 75
Game 2—SMB 89, Ginebra 72
Game 3—Ginebra 82, SMB 80

FEU beats Letran in Martin Cup

FAR Eastern University outplayed Letran, 67-57, yesterday to post its third straight victory in the 7th Fr. Martin Cup invitational basketball tournament at the Philsports Arena.

Leo Avenido scored 14 points while Gerald Jones chipped in 12 points for the Tamaraws, who handed the Knights their first loss in the tourney sanctioned by the Basketball Association of the Philippines under Gonzalo "Lito" Puyat II and jointly sponsored by Agfa, Photo Plus, Red Bull and Smart-Piltel.

In other seniors results, Ateneo defeated College of St. Benilde, 81-75, and Angelicum downed Philippine Christian University, 70-66.

In the women's division, University of the East notched its second consecutive win at the expense of UST-B, 55-42, while FEU barged into the win column via a 56-33 decision over UST-A.

Boysen trips Spring Cooking Oil

MULTITITLED Boysen Paints-MLQU bounced back with a scary 69-63 victory over rival Spring Cooking Oil Thursday in the Crystal Spring PYBL basketball championship at the Makati Coliseum.

Boysen-MLQU, which is being managed by Ma. Victoria Chan, won the first PYBL by defeating Skyland Estate in the final.

Hotshot Edelito Saygo, MVP of the inaugural PYBL tournament, scattered 21 points but it was the crucial hits of Jonathan Aldave and Ceazar Rivera which iced the Paintmasters' win before a sizeable crowd.

Playing like a well-oiled machine, Boysen, which also won the first National Basketball League title in 1999, nursed a slim 50-46 lead at the end of the third quarter.

"It was a hard win but I'll take it anytime. The team played with determination," said coach Rex Manansala. Boysen lost a thriller to University of Assumption last week in San Fernando, Pampanga.

Spring Cooking Oil absorbed its second loss in three outings. Boysen-MLQU is tied with Gringo-Konica with identical 2-2 cards.

University of the Philippines bombed University of Assumption, 63-54, tying its victim on top with a 3-1 card. Regent Cheeseballs is in third spot at 3-2. *Dennis U. Eroa*

Scores:

BOYSEN 69—Saygo 21, Habelito 12, Aldave 11, Carretas 7, Limbo 7, Rivera 6, Mallari 5, Mercado 0, Afable 0, Franco 0, Cachuela 0.

SPRING 63—Reyes 15, Dural 12, Lapena 11, Simpas 7, Magsanoc 6, Magallanes 6, Nabung 4, Omaña 1, Daa 1, Martinez 0, Medenilla 0, Cuevas 0.

Quarters:12-12, 32-28,50-46,69-63

Upland Feeds upsets Osaka in CBL-Micaa

CEBU CITY—Upland Feeds waxed hot in the final half to snap Osaka Iridology's three-game winning streak via a 74-69 shocker yesterday in the 1st OHM CBL-Micaa Summer Showdown at the Marlboro hardcourt here.

Raul Latonio Jr. made the big difference for Upland, scoring a game-high 25 points as he spearheaded a 24-14 third quarter spurt.

It was Upland's first win in six games.

The Iridologists, now 4-3, face a must-win situation against Charlot Econo Cabs.

Garcia, Cuesta fishing champs in Cagayan

RAMCAR president Bobby Garcia and teammate Conrad Cuesta beat a 41-angler field of the recent Triple-V 44th National Sportsfishing Championship of the Philippine Game Fishing Foundation. Triple-V head Vic-Vic Villavicencio supported the 4-day 5th Angler of the Year (AOY) leg at the Don Andres Soriano Jr. Sportsfishing Camp in San Vicente, Sta. Ana, Cagayan.

Edwin Fernandez rallied on the final day to play second, closing in 100 grams short of the Garcia-Cuesta team's 171.3 kg tally. Each team hooked five sailfish, among others. The Toots Echauz Billfish Tournament is set June 2-5 in the same venue. For more details, contact Rose Aberin of PGFF, tel. 373-0743; Fax: 373-0248 or email: pgff@edsamail.com.ph.

Welcoat ends Ana Freezer's winning run

By Dennis U. Eroa

DEFENDING champion Welcoat Paints leaned on its height and heft advantage as it snapped Ana Freezer's winning run, 75-66, last night at the end of the PBL Chairman's Cup elimination round at the Makati Coliseum.

By the quirks of the quotient system, the Paintmasters gained the fourth and final Group A slot in the quarterfinals, beating PharmaQuick, which downed Ateneo-Pioneer in the first game, 79-64.

Actually, GIV Beauty Soap, PharmaQuick and Welcoat all finished the elims with similar 5-3 cards. PharmaQuick was relegated to Group B with the lowest quotient of 0.93.

"Ana showed its true colors only in the second half," said Welcoat coach Junel Baculi.

Shark (8-0), Ana (6-2), GIV and Welcoat (5-3) comprise Group A, where the top three teams will advance to the four-team carryover semis.

With twin towers Yancy de Ocampo and Derick Canlas ruling the boards, Welcoat took command early, 42-23. Ana coach Rudy Mendoza, who finally tasted defeat after five straight wins, shuffled his men furiously but the Freezer Kings simply wilted as the Paintmasters pressed their attack.

Welcoat outrebounded Ana, 42-34.

Ren Ren Ritualo gave Welcoat a safe, 69-50 lead, before the Paintmasters relaxed and allowed the Paul Artadi-led Freezer Kings to trim the deficit.

Scores

WELCOAT 75—Encarnacion 16, De Ocampo 14, Cruz 10, Ritualo 9, Manalo 9, Tan 7, Tolentino 3, Canlas 3, Carmona 0.

ANA FREEZER 66—Artadi 16, Pascual 14, Tubid 8, Mendoza D 6, Mendez 6, Mendoza 5, Capus 5, De Castro 2, Vilar 2, Flores 2, Torres 0.

Quarters:20-11,42-23,63-40,75-66

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Paragua chess champ

INTERNATIONAL Master Mark Paragua nipped reigning National Kiddies champion Julio Catalino Sadorra in the final round to bring home the Juniors Active Grand Finals crown last Friday at the Grandmasters' Café in Quezon City.

The 17-year-old chess whiz edged the 14-year-old Sadorra in 35 moves of a King's Indian Attack.

Paragua won via tiebreak after each finished with six points.

Jopia ousts Cortes in Milo jr netfest

LOCAL lass Julie Ann Jopia ousted Claire Cortes, 6-4, 6-4, to advance in the girls' 12-under division Saturday in the 2001 Milo Junior Tennis Cup and Regional Workshop at the Sancase Tennis Club in Cebu City.

Joining Jopia into the next round were Raisa Felicitas in the unisex 10-under class and Katrina del Rosario in the girls' 14-under bracket in the Milo Netfest organized by CTW and supported by Adidas and Sports Kids.

Felicitas turned back Mark Bahinting, 6-4, 6-2, while Del Rosario edged Trisha Clarito, 7-5, 4-6, 7-5.

In the boys' 18-under division, club netters James Dumoran downed Govino Daswani, 6-4, 6-0, top seed Johan Guba routed Edwin Bacarisas, 6-2, 6-1, Carlo Oca nipped Joel Locsin, 6-0, 2-6, 6-3, Arlou Soquino ousted Chase Tinio, 6-0, 6-4, Gino Bautista blanked Joseph Magbanua, 6-0, 6-0, Allan Alfafara ousted Julianito Jopia, 6-2, 6-2 and Janjie Soquino downed Jandrick de Castro, 6-3, 4-6, 6-1.

Read Red

If I don't write, I will die.
—Red Smith

SPECTATOR

Al S. Mendoza

RED Smith was the dean of American sportswriting for 37 years. He was gone 19 years ago but still, his legend lives on. Not only sportswriters around the world consider him the greatest. Include famous athletes, like Muhammad Ali.

When Ali, already the world heavyweight champion, spotted Red Smith in a gathering of sportswriters, he called out and said to him, "Red Smith, you wrote about me at the Rome Olympics in 1960 and you're still writing about me; maybe you are the greatest."

Even as Red Smith loved to dwell on death—either done in print or spoken—he did so quite simply because he believed only death could quell his insatiable lust for writing.

"When I was growing up," said Terence Smith, Red's son, "it seemed to me that my father was always writing a column."

It didn't matter where Red Smith was. Any place for him was a place for writing.

"When the family was driving somewhere," said Terence, "someone else would be at the wheel and Pop would be in the passenger seat with a light portable cradled on his knees, tapping the keys with two fingers."

His favorite sport was horse racing but his favorite writing topic was fishing. But that did not stop him from writing other subjects; he practically wrote anything under the sun.

He wrote about grass that horses eat, music that famous athletes dig, uncles and neighbors and boyhood chums who had no interest in sports, plain folk who couldn't distinguish a right straight from a right jab.

"Sportswriting is writing about anything you want to write about," Red Smith had said. "But here's one advice: Write it well."

Said Terence Smith: "Everything we did together or as a family became grist for a column."

Red Smith had said, "I want to die writing."

He died of heart failure on Jan. 15, 1982, four days after he wrote his last column, a haunting flashback on his role as a sports columnist. He was 76.

Dave Anderson, his colleague at the New York Times, said, "that last column was virtually his own obituary."

Dave said Red's death wish was: "I want to go like Granny Rice did. I just want to fall into my typewriter."

Granny (Grantland) Rice was a famous sports columnist of another generation who was Red Smith's friend.

For all his fears about death as the only impediment to his passion for writing, Red Smith still managed to say: "Dying is no big deal. The least of us will manage that. Living is the trick."

I read Red a lot because, damn, he was—and remains—the greatest.

Vergel Santos, that wordsmith of note, considers Red Smith his idol. Vergel loves to cite Red Smith's motto: "When you write, open a vein."

Opening up a vein could lead to death. Death to your syntax, death to your tax, even death to your sax if you know what I mean.

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Guard shoots snatcher

MARCELINO Azaldo Jr., 43, was shot dead by security guard Rogelio Muyad, 23, allegedly after he snatched the bag of Edita Reyes, 27, in Las Piñas on Friday night, police said. A bullet in the back felled Azaldo, who was on board a motorcycle. Reyes said her bag contained four Sulpicio Lines tickets and jewels worth P11,000. Muyad surrendered himself and his gun to police. *Alcuin Papa, Margette Teodosio*

Supporters of Belmonte, Daboy clash

By Philip C. Tubeza and Jerome Aning

ONE man was reportedly wounded when two groups of supporters of Quezon City mayoral candidates Feliciano Belmonte Jr. and Rudy Fernandez clashed Friday night over their candidates' campaign materials.

In Manila, police detained 15 men they caught destroying the posters of Mayor Lito Atienza and of his son, Councilor Kim Atienza, in Singalong, also on Friday night.

Romeo L. Lapena, 44, a construction supervisor, of South Triangle, Quezon City, complained that he was injured after he and five other Belmonte supporters were confronted by several Fernandez supporters who came on board five vehicles, police said.

Lapena alleged that Fernandez's supporters ganged up on him.

He said he and his companions were putting Belmonte streamers at the corner of Scout Chuatoco and Chamapaca streets in Roxas District when Fernandez's men arrived and accused them of removing their actor-candidate's posters.

Lapena told police that Fernandez's men grabbed him by the nape and roughed him up.

A police mobile unit arrived after several minutes and took Lapena and his five companions to the Kamuning police station. But Belmonte's supporters did not file a complaint, police said.

In Manila, Senior Insp. Ernesto Saltin of the Western Police District Station 9 said the 15 men suspected of destroying Atienza posters were arrested along Estrada and Singalong streets around 11:30 p.m.

Salting said the suspects ran toward Taft Avenue but they were all rounded up within an hour.

He said the suspects would be charged with violating a Commission on Elections resolution penalizing those who vandalize or tear down legitimate posters.

Ombudsman clears Abalos

By Michael Lim Ubac

OMBUDSMAN Aniano Desierto on Friday cleared Mandaluyong Mayor Benjamin "Benhur" Abalos Jr. of the P1.8-billion graft and malversation charges which his rival for the mayoralty Ernesto Domingo Jr. filed against him last year.

Desierto said there was no prima facie evidence to hold Abalos, city treasurer William Marcelino and city accountant Elmer Santos liable for the missing funds.

The Ombudsman noted it was Abalos who formed a special committee to trace the supposed missing funds, cash advances, titles and assets of the city government as early as May 2000.

Desierto junked the graft and malversation complaint just a day after Domingo's partymate, Serafin Neria, charged Benhur and his father, Abalos Sr., with stealing P719 million from the city in the past 15 years.

Abalos Sr., now chair of the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority, was Mandaluyong City mayor since 1986. His son Benhur replaced him in 1998.

The Ombudsman is now investigating the plunder complaint.

The younger Abalos on Friday threatened to file another grave slander case against Neria, describing the complainant's claims as "too fantastic."

Abalos said Neria is the very same man charged before the justice department with two counts of grave slander for "publicly accusing my father and my family of being corrupt."

Abalos said that on April 18, his father and his brother filed slander charges against Neria for allegedly telling people the "same lies" he told the Ombudsman on Thursday.

With Agnes Donato

Pasay ballot box padlocks missing

By Alcuin Papa

MORE than 1,000 padlocks for ballot boxes to be used in tomorrow's election in Pasay City were reported missing on Thursday.

Employees of the Pasay City Treasurer's Office reported to the Commission on Elections the loss of 1,440 padlocks which the Comelec delivered to the city government last week.

"We were surprised to find all the new padlocks for the ballot boxes were missing," said an employee from the city treasurer's office.

The worker, who asked not to be named, said the padlocks could have been deliberately stolen by those who intend to cheat in the election.

"The theft could have been an inside job because the padlocks were kept inside the Records Section," the source said.

The Pasay City government will now have to buy replacements for the missing padlocks.

Fight on RPN 9

CONTRARY to what he had feared and mentioned in a previous column, Recah Trinidad says today's world middleweight boxing championship between Felix Trinidad and William Joppy will be seen on local television. The coverage, courtesy of Viva TV, will start at 11:30 a.m. over RPN 9.

Campaigners nabbed for vote-buying

By Mae Lorraine Rafols and Marie Carisa Ordinario

TWO campaign leaders of reelectionist Manila Rep. Nestor Ponce Jr. were arrested yesterday by a composite team from the Commission on Elections and the Western Police District allegedly while distributing T-shirts and envelopes containing P200 each.

Antonio Pajaro and Rosalinda Dayrit were arrested around 2 p.m. while distributing the T-shirts and envelopes at the Malikhaing Manileño Bldg. on Benita Street in Gagalangin, Tondo reportedly on behalf of Ponce and six other Liberal Party candidates in the second district of Manila, according to Comelec law department officer Roberto Ernesto M. Aquino.

The arrest was witnessed by barangay officials led by barangay chair Rosendo Yu.

Comelec officials said Manila Lakas-NUCD legal counsel Rodolfo Galing informed them of the distribution of the T-shirts and the cash.

Galing filed a complaint with the Comelec law department and then led the Comelec deputies and policemen from WPD Station 1 to where the distribution was being held.

Galing said Pajaro and Dayrit were caught with "30 bundles of envelopes containing P200 each and hundreds of Ponce campaign T-shirts." He said more than 3,000 residents were at the Malikhaing Manileño building when the arresting team arrived.

Galing said Pajaro and Dayrit made the residents sign receipts. The INQUIRER checked with the Comelec law department on the arrest of the two campaigners but the office staff denied having any knowledge of the case.

Laundrywoman steals can of milk for hungry grandchild

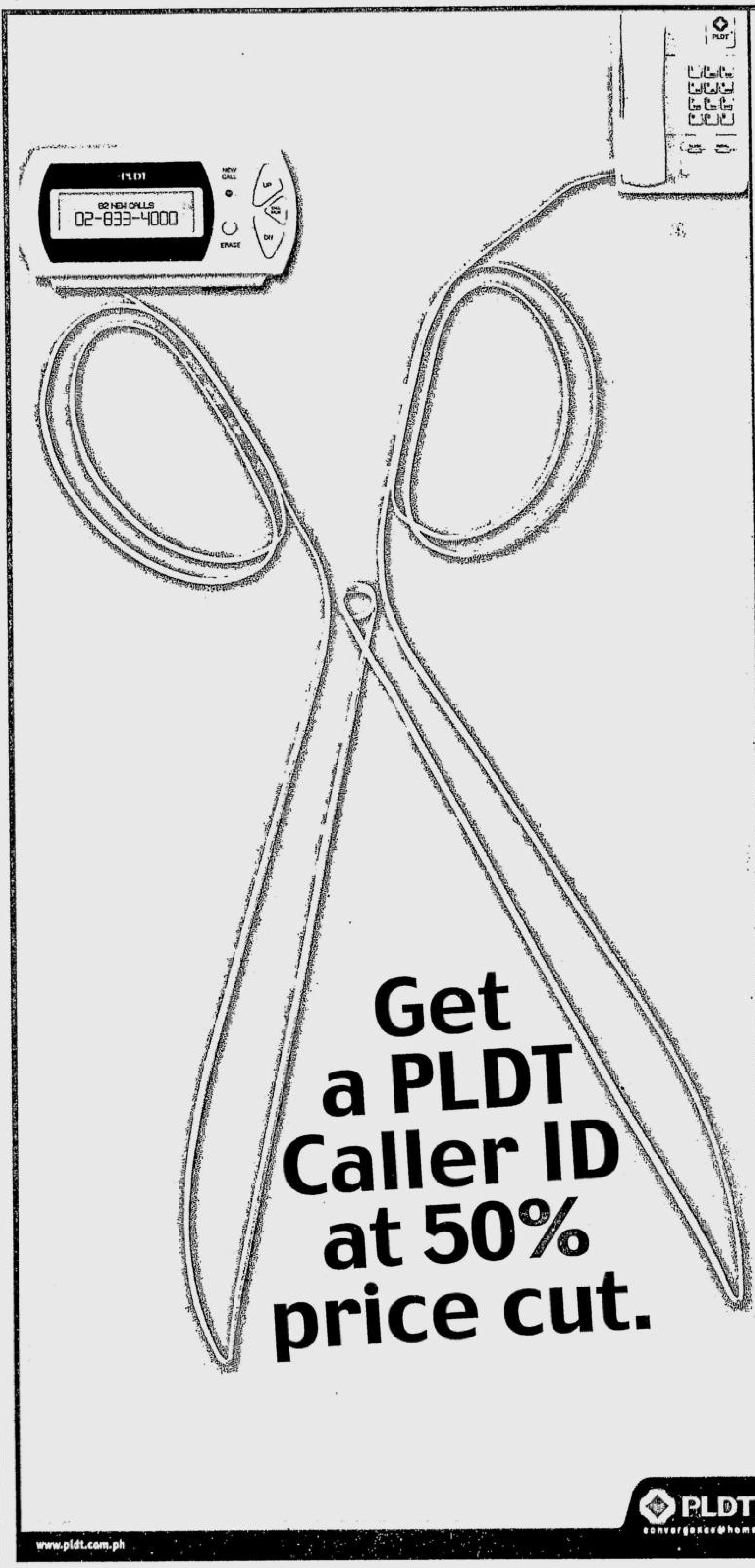
FOR ALLEGEDLY trying to shoplift a can of Gain milk worth P453 at the Rustan's Supermarket, widowed laundrywoman Erlinda Lorenzo, 46, is now detained at the Pasay City Jail.

Investigator SPO3 Eduardo Jaubal of Pasay City Police CID said Rustan's security guard Joel Naculpa caught Lorenzo in the act of trying to hide the can of milk underneath her skirt.

"I did it for my grandchild," Lorenzo told police. "The baby had been crying because of hunger for the past few days and I needed to get her some milk." She said her daughter, the baby's mother, was mute and did not have a job.

Another grandchild, a 7-year-old girl, was with Lorenzo when she was arrested and had to spend the night in jail with her. But SPO3 Jaubal did not believe Lorenzo's story. "Usually, these shoplifters sell the items they have stolen for money," he said.

He said he would turn over to the Department of Social Welfare and Development the 7-year-old. Since the local DSWD office was closed for the weekend, the girl had to stay in jail with her grandmother. *Alcuin Papa, Margette Teodosio*



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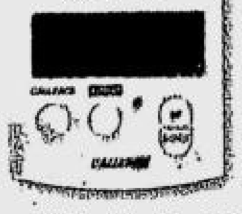

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5	DOLBY SURROUND	BALIKTARAN
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8	DOLBY SURROUND	15 MNUTES
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10	DOLBY SURROUND	THE MEXICAN
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1	DOLBY DIGITAL	15 MINUTES
2	DOLBY DIGITAL	SUGAR & SPICE
3	DOLBY SURROUND	THE MEXICAN
4	DOLBY SURROUND	SOMEONE LIKE YOU
5	DOLBY DIGITAL	LUCKY NUMBERS
6	DOLBY DIGITAL EX	EXIT WOUNDS
7	DOLBY SURROUND	KUNG LILIGAYA KA
8	DOLBY SURROUND	BALIKTARAN
9	DOLBY SURROUND	NARINIG MO NA BA ANG LATEST
10	DOLBY SURROUND	SAY IT ISN'T SO
11	DOLBY SURROUND	SWEET NOVEMBER
12	DOLBY SURROUND	THE CROW SALVATION

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2	SYNTHESIZED SURROUND	BALIKTARAN
3	SYNTHESIZED SURROUND	15 MINUTES

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3	DOLBY DIGITAL	CLOSED FOR RENOVATION
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5	DOLBY SURROUND	CLOSED FOR RENOVATION
6	DOLBY SURROUND	CLOSED FOR RENOVATION
7	SYNTHESIZED SURROUND	NARINIG MO NA BA ANG LATEST
8	SYNTHESIZED SURROUND	SOMEONE LIKE YOU
9	DOLBY SURROUND	15 MINUTES
10	DOLBY SURROUND	EXIT WOUNDS
11	SYNTHESIZED SURROUND	BALIKTARAN
12	SYNTHESIZED SURROUND	LUCKY NUMBERS

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1	DOLBY SURROUND	SUGAR &SPICE
2	DOLBY SURROUND	NARINIG MO NA BA ANG LATEST
3	SYNTHESIZED SURROUND	BALIKTARAN
4	DOLBY SURROUND	15 MINUTES
5	DOLBY SURROUND	THE MEXICAN
6	DOLBY SURROUND	LUCKY NUMBERS
7	DTS	SOMEONE LIKE YOU
8	DOLBY DIGITAL	EXIT WOUNDS
9	SYNTHESIZED SURROUND	SAY IT ISN'T SO
10	DOLBY SURROUND	KUNG LILIGAYA KA
11	SYNTHESIZED SURROUND	HALIK NG SIRENA
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3	DOLBY DIGITAL EX	EXIT WOUNDS
4	ULTRA SURROUND	SOMEONE LIKE YOU
5	ULTRA SURROUND	THE MEXICAN
6	ULTRA SURROUND	DIVINO
7	ULTRA SURROUND	BALIKTARAN
8	DOLBY DIGITAL EX	15 MINUTES
9	ULTRA SURROUND	NARINIG MO NA BA ANG LATEST
10	ULTRA SURROUND	3,000 MILES TO GRACELAND

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1	ULTRA SURROUND	15 MINUTES
2	SYNTHESIZED SURROUND	BALIKTARAN
3	SYNTHESIZED SURROUND	NARINIG MO NA BA ANG LATEST
4	SYNTHESIZED SURROUND	SUGAR & SPICE

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1	DOLBY SURROUND	ANTI-TRUST
2	ULTRA SURROUND	SWEET NOVEMBER
3	ULTRA SURROUND	RECESS
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5	ULTRA SURROUND	ATTACK FORCE
6	ULTRA SURROUND	3,000 MILES TO GRACELAND
7	DOLBY SURROUND	EXIT WOUNDS

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2	ULTRA SURROUND	CLOSED
3	ULTRA SURROUND	RECESS
4	ULTRA SURROUND	THEY NEST
5	ULTRA SURROUND	ANTI-TRUST
6	ULTRA SURROUND	SWEET NOVEMBER
7	ULTRA SURROUND	CLOSED
8	ULTRA SURROUND	EXTREME WARRIORS

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3	DOLBY SURROUND	SOMEONE LIKE YOU
4	SYNTHESIZED SURROUND	BALIKTARAN
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2 SAY IT ISN'T SO in DOLBY DIGITAL SOUND
3 15 MINUTES THX in DSD/SDDS/DTS DIGITAL SOUND
4 ANATOMY (Phil. Premiere) in DTS DIGITAL SOUND — Art Film
5 LUCKY NUMBERS in DOLBY DIGITAL SOUND
6 SOMEONE LIKE YOU in DTS/SDDS DIGITAL SOUND
7 SUGAR AND SPICE in DTS DIGITAL SOUND

GREENBELT

1 NARINIG... LATEST in DOLBY STEREO DIGITAL SOUND
2 SOMEONE LIKE YOU in SONY DYNAMIC DIGITAL SOUND
3 15 MINUTES in DOLBY STEREO DIGITAL SOUND
4 Onstage

ALABANG TOWN CENTER

1 SOMEONE LIKE YOU THX in DSD/SDDS DIGITAL SOUND
2 FINDING FORRESTER in DSD DOLBY DIGITAL SOUND
3 15 MINUTES in DTS DIGITAL SOUND
4 LUCKY NUMBERS in DTS DIGITAL SOUND
5 EXIT WOUNDS in DTS DIGITAL SOUND

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2 (SDDS)	LUCKY NUMBER
3 (DTS)	THE MEXICAN
4 GOLD (DTS)	SOMEONE LIKE YOU
5 GOLD (DOLBY)	EXIT WOUNDS
6 GOLD (SDDS)	15 MINUTES
7 GOLD (DOLBY)	FINDING FORRESTER
8 (RVG.)	BALIKTARAN
9 (RVG.)	NARINIG MO NA BA ANG LATEST
10 (RVG.)	SUGAR & SPICE

Pearl Plaza Cinemas
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2	SWEET NPVEMBER
3 (DTS)	RESERVE
4	DUKE
5	WOMAN ON TOP
6 (DTS)	EXIT WOUNDS

Golden Pearl THX

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1 (DOLBY)	SWEET NOVEMBER
2 (DTS)	KUNG LILIGAYA KA
3	RESERVE

Masagana CINEMA
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1	BALIKTARAN
2	KUNG LILIGAYA KA
3	MAY ISANG PUSO

Starmall Movies
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1	RESERVE
2	BALIKTARAN
3	15 MINUTES
4 (DOLBY DIGITAL)	EXIT WOUNDS
5	DIVINO ANAK NI TOTOY MOLA

Metropolis
(Alabang) tel 543.4001

1	BALIKTARAN
2	DIVINO, ANAK NI TOTOY MOLA
3	KUNG LILIGAYA KA
4	NARINIG MO NA BA ANG LATEST
5	RESERVE
6	EXIT WOUNDS
7	15 MINUTES
8	MORTAL ENEMY

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1	SOMEONE LIKE YOU

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1	THE MEXICAN
2	NARINIG MO NA BA ANG LATEST

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1	DIVINO, ANAK NI TOTOY MOLA
2	BODY TO BODY
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1	BALIKTARAN
A	DIVINO ANAK NI TOTOY MOLA

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1	BALIKTARAN
2	BLAIRWITCH
3	DIVINO, ANAK NI TOTOY MOLA
4	KUNG LILIGAYA KA

GOTESCO CINEMA

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1 (DOLBY)	EXIT WOUNDS
2	RESERVE
3	RESERVE
4	BALIKTARAN
5	MAY ISANG PUSO
6	NARINIG MO NA BA ANG LATEST
7 (DTS)	SOMEONE LIKE YOU
8 (SDDS)	LUCKY NUMBER
9 (DOLBY)	15 MINUTES

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tel 362.3508

2	BALIKTARAN

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2	BALIKTARAN
3	HALIK NG SERENA
4 (SDDS)	MAY ISANG PUSO
5	15 MINUTES
6 (DOLBY)	EXIT WOUNDS
7 (DTS)	SOMEONE LIKE YOU
8	RESERVE
9	RESERVE

Commonwealth
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1 (DTS)	EXIT WOUNDS
2	NARINIG MO NA BA ANG LATEST
3	HALIK NG SERENA
4	MAY ISANG PUSO
5 (SDDS)	RESERVE
6	15 MINUTES
7 (DOLBY)	BALIKTARAN
8	RESERVE

Ortigas
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1	15 MINUTES
2	BALIKTARAN
3 (DTS)	MAY ISANG PUSO
4	NARINIG MO NA BA ANG LATEST
5 (SDDS)	EXIT WOUNDS

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1	MAY ISANG PUSO

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1	MAY ISANG PUSO
2	EXIT WOUNDS
3	RESERVE
4	BALIKTARAN

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1	
3	DIVINO ANAK NI TOTOY MOLA

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2	DIVINO ANAK NI TOTOY MOLA
3	SA PILING NG IBA
4	15 MINUTES
5	BALIKTARAN

New Divisoria Mall
CINEMA tel 244.4619

1	MAY ISANG PUSO
2	NARINIG MO NA BA ANG LATEST
3	BALIKTARAN
4	DIVINO, ANAK NI TOTOY MOLA
5	EXIT WOUNDS
6	KUNG LILIGAYA KA

Baclaran LRT
CINEMA tel 512.0115

1 (DOLBY)	BALIKTARAN
2	MAY ISANG PUSO
3	DIVINO, ANAK NI TOTOY MOLA
4	
5	

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2	BALIKTARAN
3 (DTS)	EXIT WOUNDS

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1	SAY IT ISN'T SO
2 (DTS)	3,000 MILES TO GRACELAND
3 (DOLBY)	EXIT WOUNDS
4	BALIKTARAN

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1 (SDDS)	15 MINUTES
2	BALIKTARAN
3	DIVINO, ANAK NI TOTOY MOLA
4 (DTS)	KUNG LILIGAYA KA

Lianas MovieCity
(Calamba) tel (049) 545.7202

1 (DOLBY)	BALIKTARAN
2	MADERASO
3 (DTS)	EXIT WOUNDS
4	EXTREME WARRIORS
5	3,000 MILES TO GRACELAND

Olivarez Tri-Cinema
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1	BALIKTARAN
2	3,000 MILES TO GRACELAND
3	THE CROW

Olivarez Los Baños
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1	BALIKTARAN
2	3,000 MILES TO GRACELAND
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CRIMES have always been featured on TV newscasts, but nowhere near the frequency and avidity with which they are showcased now.

In the past, newscasts would highlight a few crimes that were supposed to be instructive or indicative of a more general malaise, but many more crimes are being featured today, and it looks like the new criterion is: the bloddier, sexier or more perverse, the better.

In addition, entire programs are now being devoted to the depiction, reenactment and analysis of major or particularly controversial or infamous crimes, and new shows with similar formats keep getting launched every TV season.

These shows' producers and hosts swear that their main motive is to warn people about the modus operandi of criminals, so that they won't become victims of such dastardly deeds in the future.

But these productions betray their true intent when they zero in on the "exciting" or "shocking" aspects of the heinous crimes they feature.

The stagings, performances, shots and bloody effects all go way beyond the limits of reportage, and unabashedly hit the gut or tug at the heartstrings as much as any fictive action-drama would do.

These crime-oriented shows also use a lot of reenactments and dramatizations, to make their stories and characters more empathetic. This further distances these programs from the criminal events they purport to analyze, and makes viewers concentrate, not on the facts, but on melodramatic emotionalizing.

So, what's so reprehensible about all this? First, it dilutes the objectivity of "news and public affairs."

Second, it blurs the line between news and entertainment. Many viewers screamed in protest when the late, unlamented news show, "Pulso" tried to do this, so why aren't they protesting now?

Third, all these crimes on TV have a soporific effect on viewers' sensibilities, numbing their sense of anger, horror or outrage over actual crimes and criminals.

When crimes are depicted in an "exciting" manner, that makes them desirable, so viewers' values are again confused, confounded and eroded.

Fourth, some of these shows even make the criminal life look desirable, casting big stars in villain roles. Sure, they get their comeuppance in the end, but before that, they have themselves quite a great time breaking all sorts of rules and satisfying their basest instincts to the fullest.

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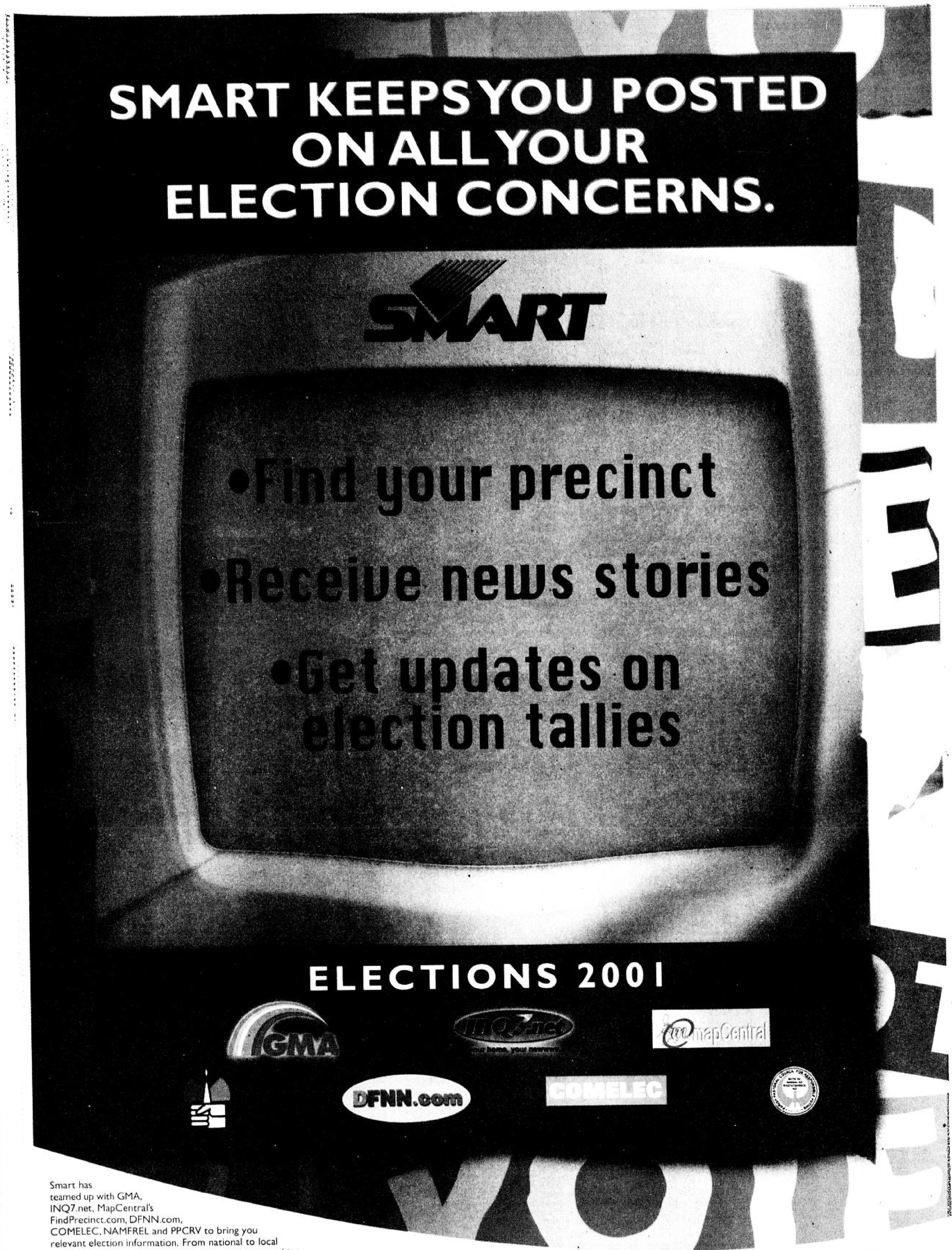
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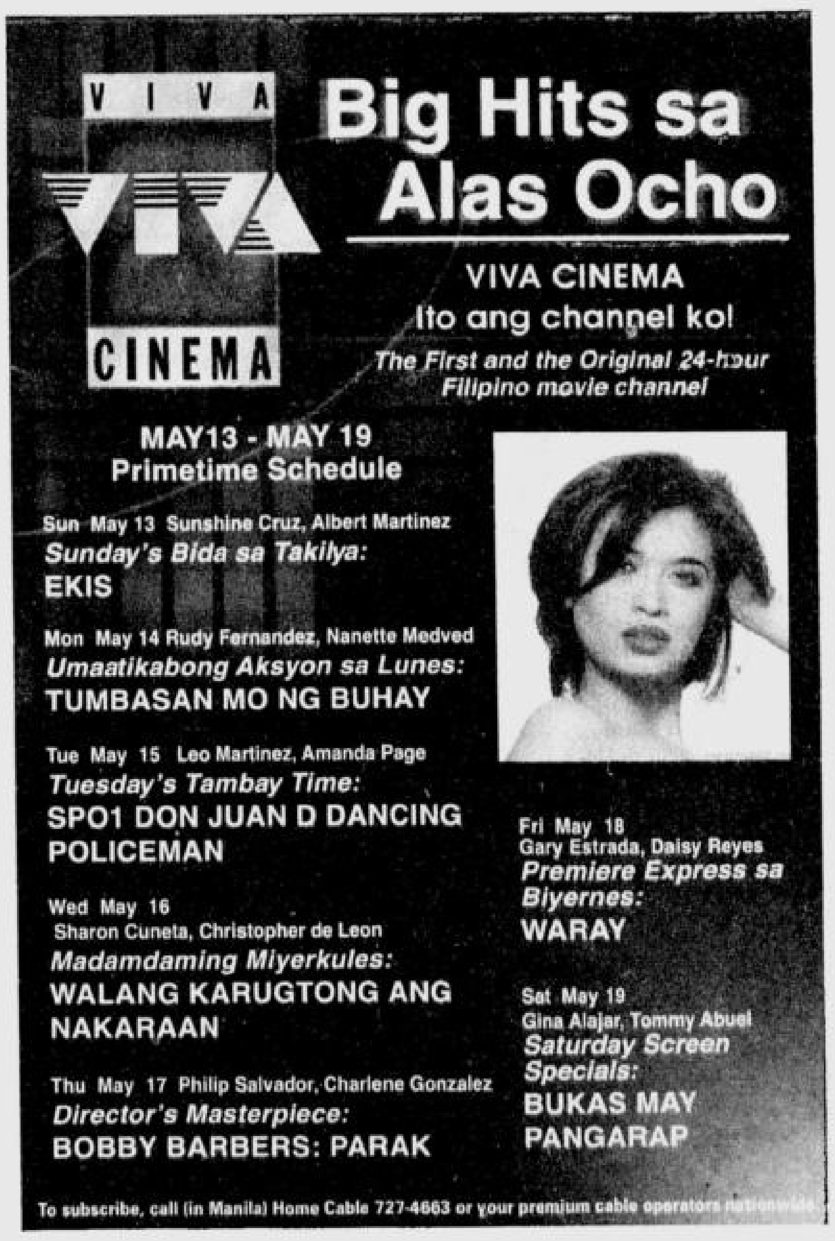
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Domino, Zorayda	NPC
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Bee Gees try . . .

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and a Monarch guitar from John Lennon.

When The Beatles stopped touring in the 1960s, we ended up with some of their equipment which also went away eventually.

How do you handle sibling rivalries?

We settle out of court (laughs). No, but seriously, we have creative arguments, especially when we were younger when the ego got a bit larger than life and people started telling you things like "Oh, you don't need the others." Then women came into your life and told you, "You shouldn't be with him."

Did it ever come to the point when you didn't speak with any of your brothers?

Barry and I separated for 15 months in 1970. We came back together on the day we recorded "Lonely Days" and "How Can You Mend A Broken Heart." They both became No. 1 songs in the US.

How are the Bee Gees like off camera?

Hell! No, but we're just all the same. We don't feel like we have to prove ourselves. We just love doing what we're doing. I guess that's the passion and love we have for so many years.

They say you have a multi-generational appeal. Your fans in the '60s have stayed with you up to now. And younger people became more aware of your music which have been recorded by new artists.

That's the greatest thing about performing live. When you go out and see that kids have your new album and they're just hooked on to it, they discover you for the first time. When you see kids or adults watching your show and loving your music, that's an overwhelming feeling.

What kind of high do you get when performing live?

We did Wembley Stadium in England with 75,000 people with no support act. We did the same thing in Johannesburg and Buenos Aires, and each time, before I walked onstage, I always told myself, "Thank God, I'm sober."

Thank God, I was not into it anymore because otherwise, none of it would have happened. (Maurice battled an alcohol problem in the '80s)

Among all the songs that you've written and recorded, which is really your favorite?

I always say that the songs are like our kids. You can't really single out one and say it's better than the other. There are a lot of different stories behind each song, the way it was recorded or written. Some of them not so happy, some really good, some tremendously funny, or "God, that was an endurance test."

But I always go for the ballads, "Too Much Heaven" and "How Deep is Your Love."

Other artists such as Barbra Streisand, Diana Ross, Tina Turner, George Michael, Boy-zone, N'Sync and Destiny's Child have recorded cover versions of your songs. How does it feel hearing them perform your songs?

It's a great compliment to have people cut the songs which they feel they could do again. I like Boyzone's take on "Words." Ronan is a really nice guy.

Destiny's Child also recorded "Emotions."

In Germany, the audience was singing "Night Fever" when the musical was staged.

But we also wrote songs for a lot of other artists and worked with the best names in the industry. "Guilt," which Barry recorded with Barbra, sold copies in Europe where she never had an audience before. It was her most successful European album, bannered by the number one single, "Woman in Love."

How would you like to be remembered, as songwriters or performers?

We'd love to be known for the songs because without the songs, we can't record or perform. It's just wonderful to continue to receive the respect we've gotten over the years. We count our blessings every morning.

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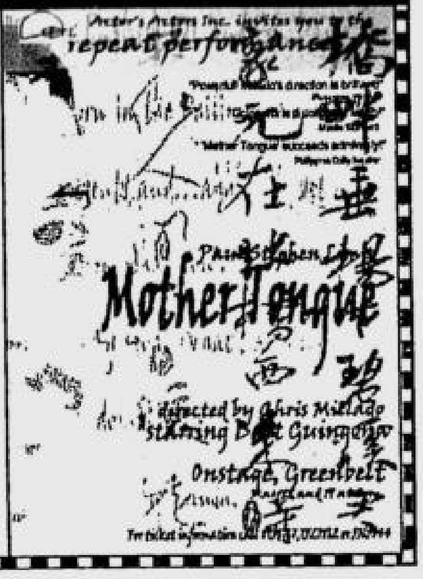

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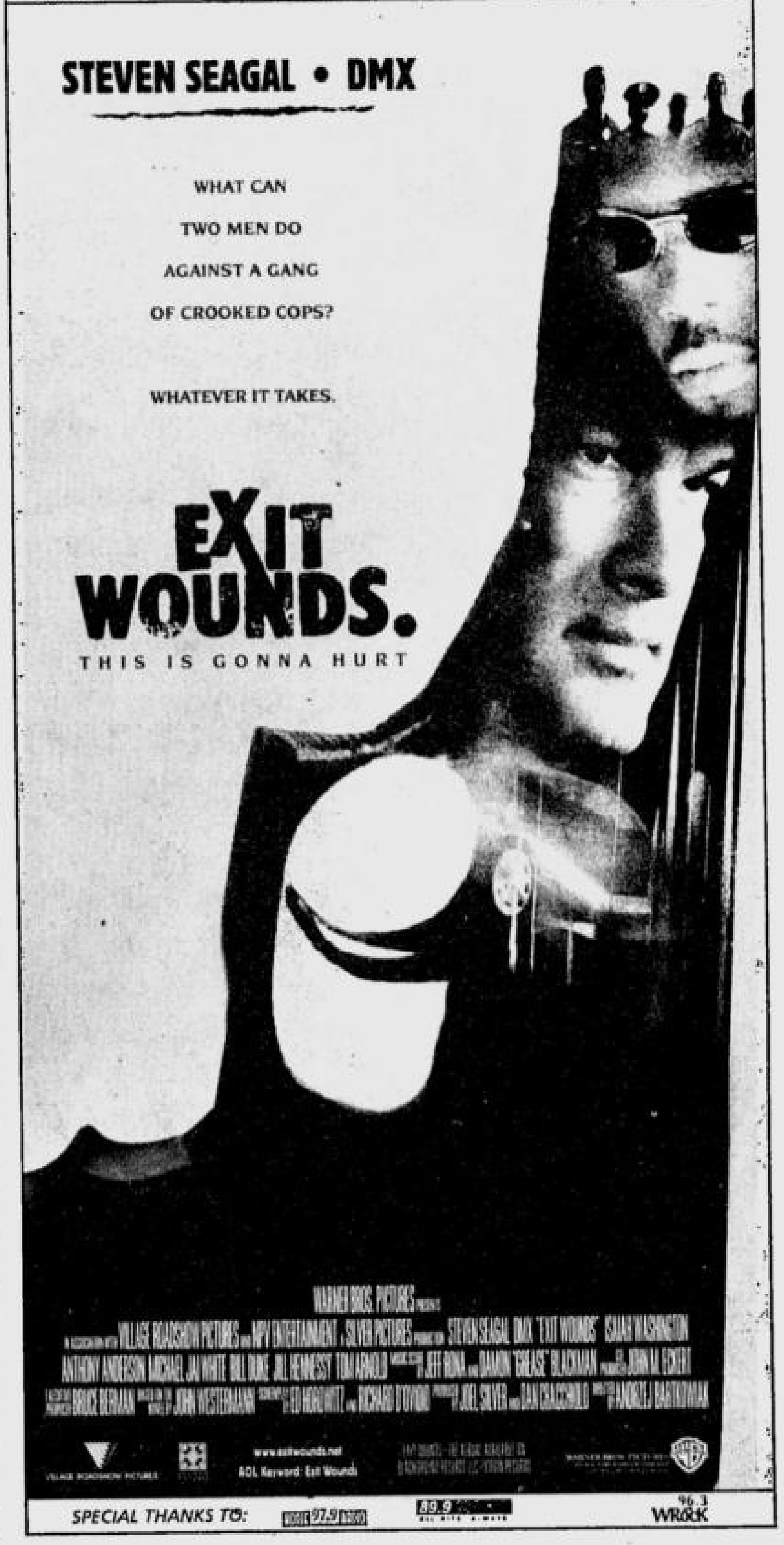

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SIBLING RIVALRY. When they were young and on top, their egos were big and they often clashed, admits Maurice.

Bee Gees try going back to where they started–on top

BY LEAH SALTERIO

THEIR name was given by Bill Gates, not the Microsoft magnate but the deejay in Manchester, England, where brothers Barry, Robin and Maurice Gibb started their singing career in the '60s.

Since then, the Bee Gees have wowed music fans all over the world, churning out many hits, winning seven Grammys and being inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame.

Today, the Bee Gees are only the fifth best-selling artist of all time, after Elvis Presley, the Beatles, Michael Jackson and Paul McCartney.

The trio so far has eight No. 1 singles—"How Can You Mend a Broken Heart," "Jive Talkin,'" "You Should be Dancing," "How Deep is Your Love," "Stayin' Alive," "Night Fever," "Too Much Heaven" and "Love You Inside Out." They have also sold more than 100 million albums.

The Bee Gees are back with a new album, "This Is Where I Came In" (released locally by MCA-Universal).

All 14 tracks on the album are new, written by the brothers. The album was recorded in their Middle Ear Studios in Miami, Florida.

With "This Is Where I Came In," the Bee Gees return to the acoustic sounds and three-part harmonies of their earlier years in the business.

The brothers are promoting the new album in a worldwide blitz in Asia, Europe and the United States. Maurice was in Hong Kong for three days to meet Asian media people.

Why did you stick to the name Bee Gees?

It used to be BG's which stands for Brothers Gibb and also for Bill Gates, who was our first manager. We said that if our first record didn't do well, we'd change the name. But after the first album came out, we told Bill Gates, "Forget it, we're keeping the name."

In this new album, you ditched the falsetto that had become your trademark since your "Saturday Night Fever" days.

Yes, Barry was tired of it. It was a conscious effort. You have to remember that during the Stylistics period of the '60s, everyone sang in falsetto—Frankie Valli, the Beach Boys.

The falsetto voices were used only on a few songs that were famous in "Night Fever." So it gives an illusion that a lot of our songs were in falsetto, but they're not. In fact, "You Win Again" was a number one record without falsetto at all.

Barry is the falsetto expert and I take the high harmonies in our concerts. Robin does have a great falsetto voice but many people have wondered why he didn't use it more.

The album marks a return to your rock, soul and ballad roots.

We recorded many of the vocals standing around a single mike, like when we first started in the '60s. The actual lead single, "This Is Where I Came In," is kind of just vocals and guitar around the microphone with live drums.

We just wanted to get back to where we were when we first made our debut album, "Bee Gees First," really harking back to that, just more human.

We've sort of come back to square one again. The millennium represents all the music of the '60s, '70s, '80s and '90s.

What's the incentive for releasing a new album when you've chalked up enviable honors, like seven Grammy awards, many hits and more than 100 million in record sales.

Why not? We gave ourselves a little bit of self-expression individually, what I wanted to do, what Barry or Robin wanted to do, then we got together and did the rest of the songs together.

We like to approach every new album differently, not the same routine. We didn't feel the need to release an album or get seen again out there. This is just something that we love to do.

Is there something different between the Bee Gees recording an album then and now?

Only technology. It used to be analog, now everything is digital and the recording comes out very clean. We wrote, performed and recorded all the songs.

I read that you used a Beatles guitar in recording the title track of "This Is Where I Came In"?

The guitar I played on the track, but not on the video, is an acoustic Gibson Monarch. Years ago, what I got for my 21st birthday was a movie camera from Ringo Starr, a guitar from George Harrison

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GOD BLESS the Gibbs: "We count our blessings every morning," says Maurice, photographed in Hong Kong. LEAH SALTERIO

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Auditing firm chair retires to motherhood

BY TINA ARCEO-DUMLAO

THE GLEAMING office of Corazon Santos-De La Paz looks just like what one would expect a chairman and senior partner of Joaquin Cunanan & Co. to have.

There is a notebook computer, fax machine and documents waiting for her signature. Various trophies given by prestigious award-winning bodies are also neatly arranged.

But what catches the eye is the large, red Valentine's card and bits and pieces of what looks like scrap paper, all of which were given to her by her only daughter, Cristy.

Of all that she has in her room, these short notes from her daughter telling her she loves her and to not worry too much, and the framed photographs of her family, are what she considers her most precious possessions.

CORAZON De La Paz, proud mother to Cristy and to her other child, Joaquin Cunanan and Co.

PHOTO BY ROGER CARPIO

Anybody who steps into her room would say that she and Cristy share a strong bond. Even her cellular phone's welcome message says: "I love my daughter."

But De La Paz is the first to admit that the process of strengthening that mother-daughter bond between them was anything but easy, even painful at times.

It was perhaps even more difficult than her fast climb up the corporate ladder to become the first woman to become chairman of Joaquin Cunanan & Co. at 40, and also the first woman to become a member of the board of multinational consulting firm Price Waterhouse (now PricewaterhouseCoopers-Philippines).

"As she was growing up, I just went ahead and did what I needed to do everyday at work. I did not change my schedule. I continued to travel as part of my duties as head of the firm because I knew that there was always my husband Pat to give her all the love she needed. He doted on her and they got on very well together because he was, in many ways, like a child himself," De La Paz says.

She says Pat covered for her absences, despite his own responsibilities as executive director of the Office of Energy Affairs and Presidential Advisor during the Aquino administration.

De La Paz, however, was suddenly thrust into the role of taking care of Cristy when her husband died of cancer in 1995 and left their daughter devastated. She loved her daughter very much and wanted to help fill the void left by her husband.

But De La Paz was hampered by her own grief, responsibilities with Joaquin Cunanan and incessant drive toward perfection. Cristy, on the other hand, was working out her own insecurities and her need to establish her own identity.

"We had to go to a consultant during the first year after Pat died to help us work through our problems. I realized I had to give her more time and attention and we both had to go through the grieving process. Cristy stopped school for a year and we used that time to get to know each other better. I took her everywhere with me when I traveled," De La Paz says.

They almost immediately reached out to each other and six years after the death of their beloved Pat, they have established a bond as strong as any other mother-daughter teams. De La Paz proudly says that Cristy has developed into a mature and independent individual, and she has become the mother to Cristy the way she has always wanted to be.

"There was a time when we were traveling in Europe by train, she told me to just sit down and she will take care of all our luggage. She refused my help saying I should just rest because of my bad back. I was so proud of her then," De La Paz says.

HAPPY De La Paz family. Cora with her late husband Pat and daughter Cristy.

Cristy is now completing her English literature degree from the University of Maine. She is on the Dean's List for academic work, she was presented the "Performing Arts Award." Cristy even wrote an award winning 10-minute play that was staged at her university's theater.

They make up for the distance by visiting each other frequently and sending love notes.

De La Paz is especially touched by one card sent by Cristy on her birthday which said: "I love you, Mum and I'm extremely grateful for having you as a mother and for all the support you have given me through the years. You have taught me well, Mum."

De La Paz, on the other hand, is at the tailend of her long and distinguished career at PriceWaterhouseCoopers. She is set to retire at the end of June this year and is now working hard to prepare the staff for the transition to a new senior partner.

"I don't know what I will do on July 1, maybe sleep," De La Paz says.

She is sad to see that life goes on but she is equally excited to explore other ventures like traveling around the Philippines, helping out as board member of her many foundations. But what really inspires her is the fact that she will get to spend even more time with her daughter, making up for lost time.

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Accomplishments

- ◆ Provided shelter security to more than 100,000 families
  - *Granted land tenure security to 83,390 families*
  - *Benefited 7,686 families thru CMP projects*
  - *Benefited 8,041 families thru completion of major slum upgrading and sites and services programs*
- ◆ Granted P458.5 million in housing loans for acquisition of 3,550 housing units for PNP and AFP workers, teachers, laborers, national and local government employees, private sector employees, cooperatives
- ◆ Instituted dialogues with housing stakeholders thru nationwide consultations

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7-POINT ACTION AGENDA

1. Continue provision of security of tenure
2. Complete flagship relocation and resettlement projects' action plans
   - *North and south rail*
   - *Pasig river relocation*
   - *Naia terminal relocation Project*
   - *Clearing-up of esteros*
   - *Relocation of informal settlers in NIA property, Smokey Mountain, Kasadyahan Housing Project in Pavia, Iloilo, and Kidapawan City Resettlement Project in North Cotabato*
3. Improve housing systems and processes
   - *Reduce red tape in housing loan application and housing permits process*
   - *Reduce number of days in processing and approval of conversion certificates and environmental clearances*
4. Institute reforms in housing Finance
   - *Open additional lending window (primary market)*
   - *Institutionalize a secondary mortgage market operation;*
   - *Allow purchase of bonds as developers' compliance with the 20% balance housing requirements*
5. Strengthen housing programs for the formal sector
6. Strengthen cooperation with LGUs, NGOs, and POs involved in Housing (e.g organize advisory Councils)
7. Dispose unoccupied housing units Of HDMF, HGC, and NHMFC

The government housing sector has provided shelter security to more than 1,000 families a day in the first 100 days of the Arroyo Administration.

In his report to the Cabinet, Defensor said that this resulted from the activities pursued by the housing sector along the following areas: providing security of land tenure, pursuing site development and technical assistance, providing financial assistance for housing units, and increasing opportunities for public and private sector-led housing programs.

On the provision of security of land tenure, HUDCC has distributed Certificates of Titles and Certificates of Lot Assignment and aided in the issuance of Presidential Proclamations declaring parcels of public land open for disposition. These initiatives benefited 83,390 families.

Last Thursday, the President signed 4 issuances - 2 Executive Orders and 2 Proclamation Orders declaring 2,074 hectares of government lands for housing which will benefit about 73,000 families.

These issuances are Executive Order declaring the 2,000-hectare non-core properties of the Philippine National Railways (PNR) as socialized housing sites for 60,000 families living in these properties; Executive Order directing the city government of Mandaluyong to speed up the construction of medium-rise buildings for 10,000 families within the Welfareville property; Proclamation Order segregating 4.9 hectares from the 25-hectare Maritime Communication Project Site in Lower Bicutan for the housing needs of nearly 500 residents on the property; and Proclamation Order declaring 45 hectares of land within the National Shrine as a housing site for about 2,500 occupants living in the area.

In the area of promoting site development and technical assistance, HUDCC has completed major slum upgrading and sites and services programs that benefited 8,041 families.

In terms of providing financial assistance for housing units, shelter agencies have granted housing loans amounting to P458.5 million for the acquisition of 3,550 housing units. Various Memoranda of Agreement were also signed establishing housing programs for laborers, low salaried private sector employees, AFP and PNP personnel, and local and national government employees (expected to benefit 23,434 individuals).

Complementing these measures is the continuing process of dialogue and nationwide consultations with the housing stakeholders — NGOs/POs, developer groups, bankers, funders, investors, and beneficiaries. These dialogues are aimed at eliciting the views and comments of the stakeholders toward a more efficient implementation of the housing program.

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URBAN POOR HOMELOANS HIT P3 BILLION MARK

Low interest-bearing housing loans granted to the homeless urban poor and informal settlers under the government's Community Mortgage Program (CMP) have reached the P3 billion mark. The CMP is one mode of acquiring shelter security for informal settlers who can opt to buy the land they are occupying with support from the National Home Mortgage Finance Corporation (NHMFC).

HUDCC Chairman Mike Defensor attributed this development to the intensified implementation of pro-poor housing assistance programs consistent with the government's policy of providing social bias to economic development through housing.

The P3 billion loan assistance has provided land and housing security to more than 100,000 informal settler-families, who used to stay in squatted lands which their homeowners' associations now own.

The HUDCC Chairman also directed the further reduction in the number of loan documents required to speed up loan availment by the informal settlers. Secretary Defensor vowed to further decentralize the grant of CMP loans by creating an inter-agency group among key shelter agencies that will undertake in the regional level, the pre-processing of CMP loan applications, including project site inspection, background investigation of beneficiary associations as well as loan and mortgage examination.

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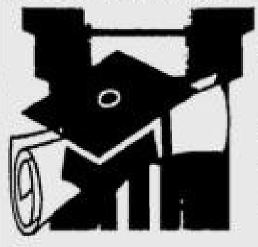

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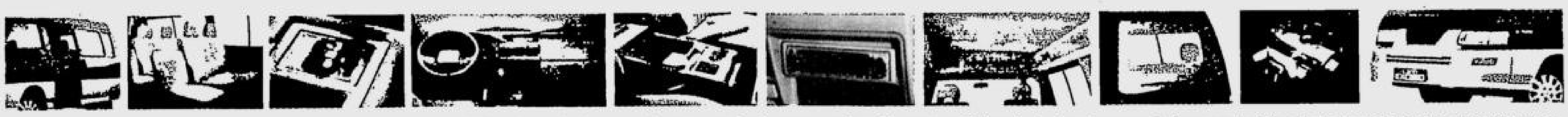

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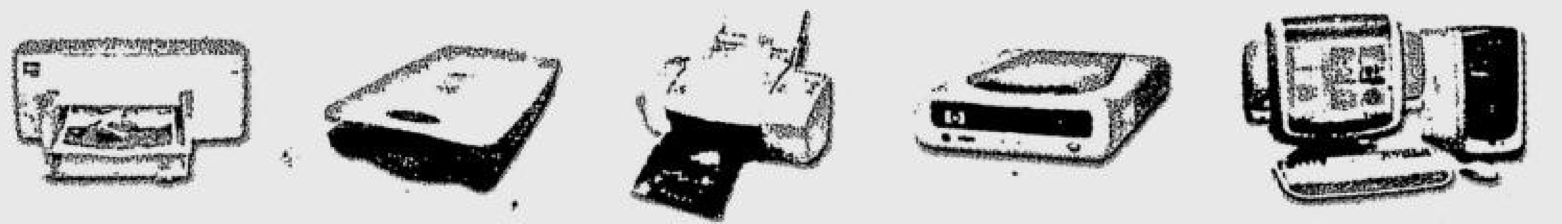

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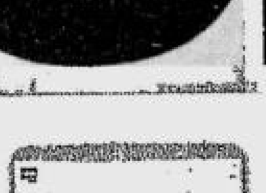

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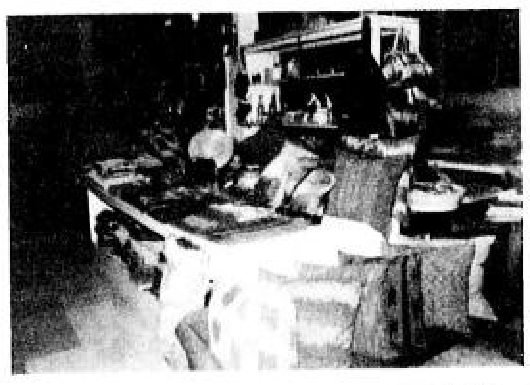

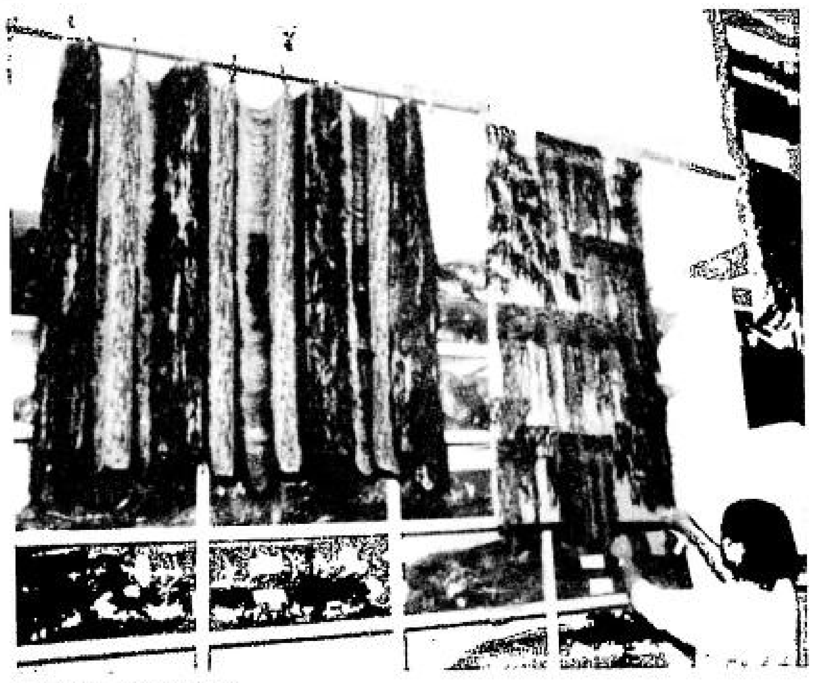

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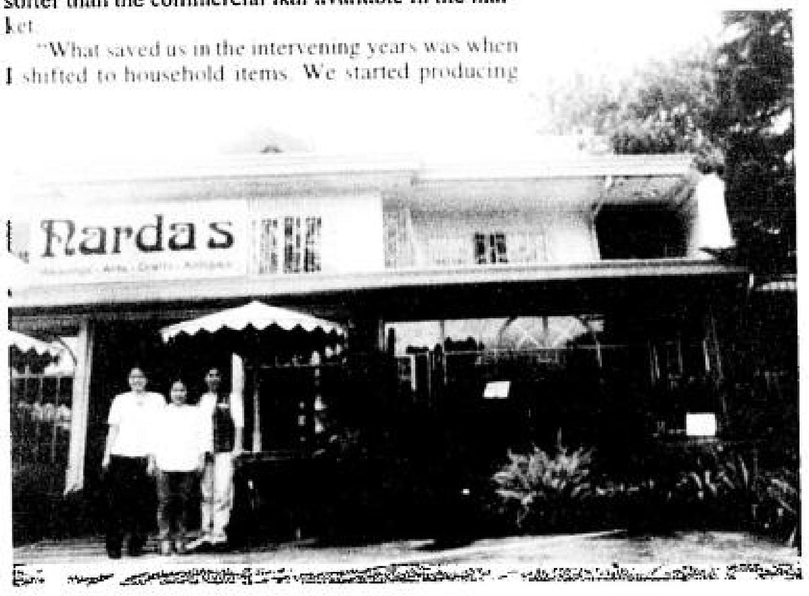

NARDA'S Baguio showroom

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BAGUIO CITY—Have you heard of this one? "Narda's" is the Cordillera's biggest franchise, but the woman behind "Narda's," Narda Capuyan, doesn't own any one of them.

That's a joke Capuyan takes very well. In fact, too well.

Capuyan, a native of Mt. Province, is renowned for leading the first "Igorot revolution," converting a near-century old skill of Igorot loom weaving into a multimillion-peso craft that dominated the export garments trade between 1983 and 1989.

What started in 1970 as a simple re-tooling of red-dyed, hand woven and coarse place mats, wall fixtures and thick wool blankets, became the toast of Baguio tourism for subsequent years after Capuyan converted the staple tourist items into P1,628 hand bags, P1,200 colorful wall tapestry and P200 crafts.

Every household, who has had a taste of a Baguio holiday, usually has a Narda's tapestry or two in their living rooms.

That's a brand name that elated even ousted President Joseph Estrada, Capuyan told the INQUIRER.

All of Estrada's rumored mansions, from a property in Baguio City to the Tagaytay Highlands, carry interior fabrics designed and custom-fitted by Capuyan herself. "Every mansion in Tagaytay Highlands has a Narda's. We are now completing its spa," she said.

By 1995, however, copies of her work began to appear in small community shops, woven and remastered by former workers.

As soon as the new century turned a corner, Capuyan herself was developing her own competition, encouraging more weavers to set up shop by offering workshops to everyone who was interested in the trade.

"A deepening economic crisis and the devastating earthquake made me sensitive to the plight of my fellow Igorots and the possibilities of a genuine weaving industry to save the dirt-poor Cordillera.

It was important that everyone use this trade to help themselves survive the crisis, because it is logical that this will also save the industry," Capuyan says in Filipino.

Capuyan's clones, ironically, were not enough to sustain the weaving trade from 1995 to last year, unable to penetrate such high-profile industries as fashion.

Even Capuyan's Baguio shop has been receiving fewer visitors.

Plateau

The brand name, "Narda's," represented 70 percent of the Philippines' craft exports to Europe, the United States and Japan during martial law.

It still draws offshore interests for its unique blend of indigenous weave and contemporary designs.

But Capuyan said the weave industry she helped engineer has hit a plateau since then, as global trade and the high cost of thread affected the country's garments business.

But some blame the onslaught of Capuyan's rivals for the weave industry's woes.

Some 5,000 independent weavers have set up shop in key Cordillera tourist areas like Banaue, Ifugao and Sagada, Mt. Province, as well as outside of the Cordillera.

Of that number, half were trained by Capuyan herself.

She said the impact of the small weavers on her company was barely significant.

"I have changed my outlook about competition. For me, they are fellow producers now. And what they produce is not necessarily what I produce. I am an impatient woman. I do not like repeating myself. Very often I inject new ideas and explore new designs, and I keep doing that year after year," she said.

"Copies of my work do not bother me because I try to move a step forward. And many of the other small weavers are also imaginative. They have even better designs sometimes," she added.

The technology itself is not original, she said.

Ikat weaving is a century-old technique of fusing or tying together multiple-colored threads that dates back to pre-colonial Ifugao where *ikat* blankets were used for burial ceremonies.

Capuyan began her career exploring the colonial American looms introduced in Mt. Province in the 1900s, years before she discovered the *ikat* technology that became her trademark.

"I was a nurse who got fed up teaching the folks of our town the proper birth control methods. They kept getting pregnant. I asked them what other things they knew, so I could use that to distract them from sex. One woman showed me weaving and wove me a beautiful, colorful blanket. That's how I got hooked," Capuyan recalled.

She said this simple interest boomed into industry overnight, thanks to a Marcos decree.

The late strongman Ferdinand Marcos decreed that all industries use indigenous materials, obliging huge hotel chains to explore the Igorot technology.

Capuyan came into the scene when five huge fabric producers were themselves into woven materials, like Lepanto Weaves.

"Narda's still offered a difference," said Lolit Aquino, a manager of "Narda's" branch in Baguio City. She said the oldest Narda's fabrics are still softer than the commercial *ikat* available in the market.

"What saved us in the intervening years was when I shifted to household items. We started producing custom-made *ikat* for interior designers. We are now producing our own furniture with *ikat* upholstery. Remember that this weaving trade started with place mats. Igorot weavers were producing for the house. I offer contemporary versions of these products, which are good for a high-end market," Capuyan said.

Narda's fashion

In 1989 and 1992, her Igorot fabric became the touchstone here for a fashion revolution called "Fiber Web," which hoped to propagate indigenous Filipino design as contemporary street wear.

The Fiber Web became a huge media sensation, yet its hype failed to resuscitate the floundering weavers.

Graal Cawed, a weaver and designer, earlier said Manila fashion designers had wanted finer fabrics from the Cordillera.

"Most of the materials we weave are warm and a little heavy. Designs are constrained by the kind of dyes you can use and the kinds of cuts you are allowed by this material," Cawed said.

Capuyan acknowledged Cawed's analysis. But she said the Igorot fabric's density was a problem easily remedied by a weaving technique called "open weave."

"Before I market, I wear my products. I am wearing an *ikat* blouse now and it is cool and good for spring wear. But my venture into fashion was the moment I realized what the real killer of the weaving industry really was. It was thread. A kilo of silk which commercial weavers are forced to import now costs P1,000," Capuyan said.

It was the only element in a vicious cycle of importing and exporting *ikat* products, she said. This condition also prevented Igorot weavers from competing in the open garments market.

"Each *ikat* design, each product is unique in itself even if they appear to have the same design. It is inherent in the character of weaving that every nudge, every misalignment represents the individuality of the work," Capuyan said.

"These are all hand-made, you see. Nothing we produce is identical and that is why it is expensive. My shirt will go for P600 in a mall, where the latest RTW (ready to wear item) will cost half its price."

Narda's silk venture

Five or 10 years from now, "Narda's yarn" will help "equalize" the local garments industry and provide the Cordillera the real leverage to fuel its economic success, Capuyan said.

She went into a $14-million silk manufacturing venture with some of her top Italian buyers, embarking as early as 1987 but fulfilling most of these promises only during the administration of former President Fidel Ramos.

Capuyan owns majority stock of the company, Phil Italia, which was launched in 1994. It aims to generate 10 tons of spun silk for the Italian market in the next five years before it concentrates on the domestic and Asian market.

She said Phil Italia's key objective is to develop homespun cotton thread that can supply the requirements of the garments industry.

It is a low-key venture that has so far failed to fuel imaginations.

"But the local garments industry understands the potentials of this venture. Think about the consequences of our own silk. Every Filipino can buy cheap thread, and produce cheap garments, and compete internationally because now they will be more concerned about quality rather than what they can sell quickly," Capuyan said.

The venture taps into the fresh cocoon harvests of the Cordillera and Northern Luzon, as well as some 1,200 hectares of cocoon farms that she plans to coordinate with entrepreneurs in South Cotabato.

"The Philippines has been pushing its own sericulture program into a corner by relying always on researches that are never applied. It took me a hard time to sell this project. The very people in the sericulture industry blocked me every step of the way. I was talking to three presidents but (Ramos) listened and understood what this was all about. He backed us up," she said.

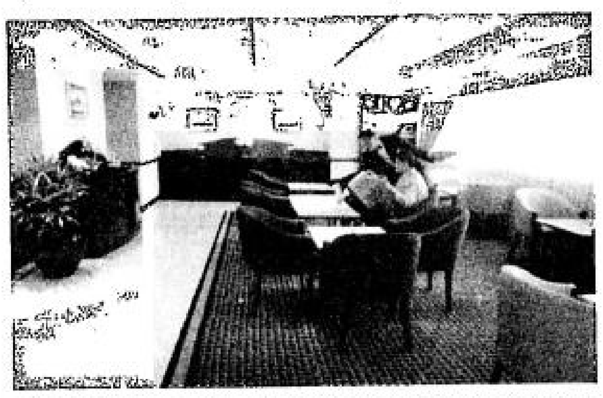
Capuyan said the local silk could help rebound such ambitious projects as Fiber Web and help mold contemporary Cordillera fashion for the Makati crowd.

"I am returning Narda's to fashion because it helped me realize the problem. I am offering a solution," she said.

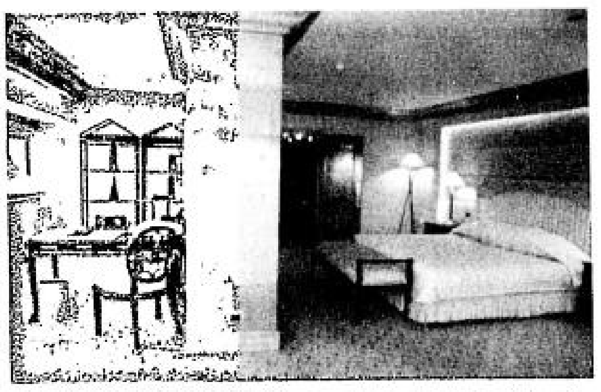
However, Narda said she was not about to forget the small Igorot weavers.

Phil Italia is a private venture that plans to open its stock shares to farmers and weavers who will benefit from its factories, she said.

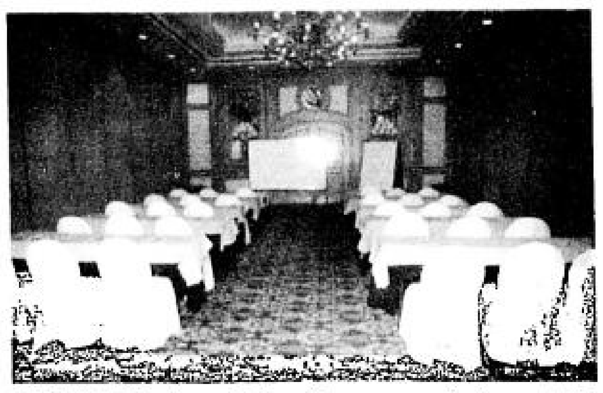
"This is the only way I can guarantee to the weavers that this revolutionary step will benefit them also. It's the real way I can help them realize that weaving is really the Igorots' salvation," she said.



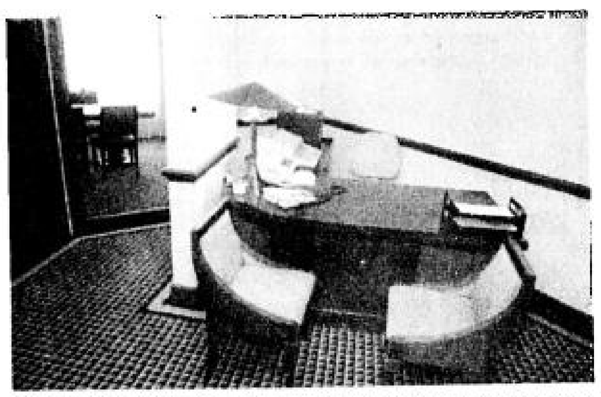
GUESTS at the Millennium Club executive rooms can access the Millennium Club Lounge where they are treated to breakfast and cocktails.



PRESIDENTIAL Suite was designed with the corporate traveler in mind, with its wide desk and fax machine.



THE HOTEL has 14 function rooms that can hold intimate get-togethers and elaborate gatherings like conferences and conventions.



THE MILLENNIUM Club lounge also functions as another business center with its private meeting rooms and mini-library

Hotel bets revenues on casino and prime bayside location

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

THE ALL-DAY casino and the proximity to the World Trade Center and the Philippine International Convention Center have made The Heritage Hotel along Roxas Boulevard a favorite stopover of business travelers.

THE HERITAGE Hotel has a fully equipped business center with two private meeting rooms.

ALL 453 guest rooms and suites have color TV, IDD telephone systems and high-tech key lock system. De Luxe, Suites and Executive floor rooms, on the other hand, have coffee- and tea-making facilities

Over 60 percent of the bookings are made by corporate travelers who work all day and who wants the chance to go to the casino from late in the evening to the wee hours of the morning.

Maricor V. Aquino, Heritage director for marketing, tells the INQUIRER that most of the corporate travelers come from the manufacturing sector.

These clients, she says, are happy with the conference and banquet facilities of the hotel that can easily accommodate up to 500 guests.

The Heritage Hotel, a member of the Millennium and Copthorne International Ltd. group, has 14 function rooms that can hold big conferences and banquets as well as more elaborate gatherings such as weddings and private parties.

For those who want more intimate meetings, the hotel has a business center with two private meeting rooms complimented with concierge and secretarial services.

Aquino says the Heritage Hotel tries to get a slice of the market by being accommodating to the guests' requests, be it in terms of service or rates.

"When we talk to clients, we try to adjust to their budget because we know that they have to work within a certain amount, but of course we can not adjust it too low because we still have to make a profit. But we always try as much as possible to meet in the middle," Aquino explains.

The 453-room Heritage Hotel counts the local market as its biggest customer, followed closely by the Japanese, Singaporeans and Hong Kong nationals. The casino operated by Pagcor is considered a main factor behind the popularity of the hotel to Asian travelers.

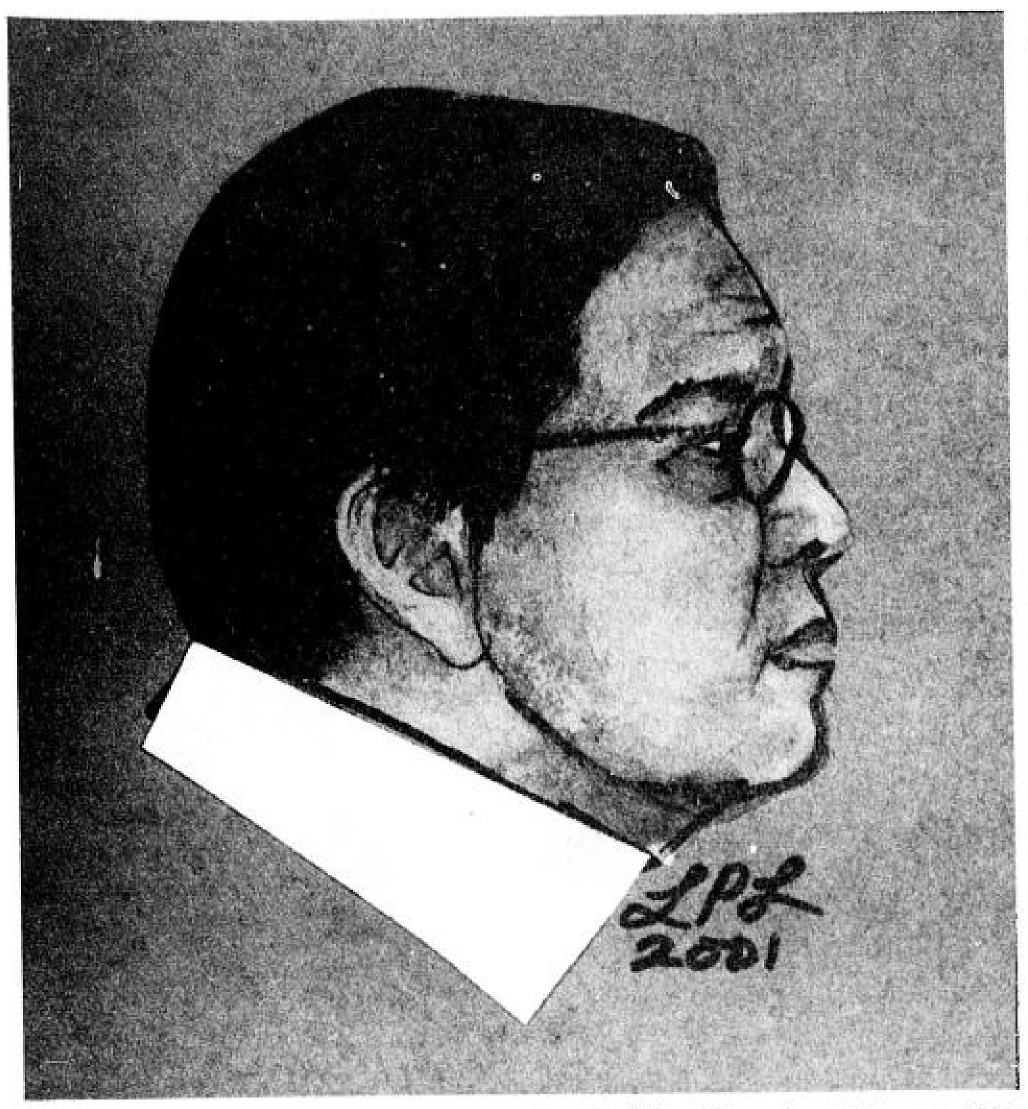
Individual business travelers who crave privacy usually book at the Millennium Club rooms on the 8th and 9th floors of the hotel. These rooms have coffee and tea-making facilities and some office equipment allowing them to continue their work in the confines of their room.

Guests at the Millennium Club are free to use the Millennium Club Lounge which also functions as another business center with support facilities like a mini-library, private meeting rooms, facsimile and photocopying services.

They are also provided breakfast, hors d'oeuvres and cocktails at the lounge where they can mingle with other businessmen staying at the hotel.

Aquino says the hotel occupancy level is hitting expectations but she admits that hospitality sector was affected by recent political upheavals. Business, however, was expected to pick up soon as more investors return to the country.

IN YOUR FACE BY L. P. LEVISTE



RAMON ANG, vice chair of food and beverage giant San Miguel Corp., is said to be one of the closest advisers to Eduardo Cojuangco Jr., called "The Boss" by his employees and associates.

With Cojuangco's precarious position as chair of the San Miguel board, will Ang resurface and take his own place in the sun away from the shadow of his boss?

Japan's schizophrenic . . .

(From page B14)

Prices and parasites

Another reason why expensive brand-name goods have continued to sell well in Japan may be that the main buyers, women in their 20s and 30s, have maintained a comfortable level of disposable income by living with their parents.

Many of them stay at home into their 30s, earning them the label of "parasite singles."

Their spending power, boosted by a rent-free, child-free existence, is no laughing matter, but that doesn't mean they are blithe about prices.

At the other end of the price spectrum, shops like discount drugstore Matsumotokiyoshi and cheap and colorful clothier Uniqlo, operated by Fast Retailing, have also won the hearts of young female shoppers.

"It might seem odd to foreigners but it's quite simple, really," said Credit Suisse's Sasaki. "The question is, does the item have exclusive, added value? If it doesn't, then it had better have rock-bottom prices."

Unfortunately the bulk of Japanese retailers remain stuck in a low-profit limbo between these two extremes.

Reuters

Wanted: 'Social capital' director to direct organizational growth

"In Good Company"
Don Cohen & Laurence Prusak
Harvard Business School Press, 2001

BY DANTE M. VELASCO

WHEN two people chat by the water cooler on company premises, is that a productive use of company time? When a group shares lunch and exchanges gossip at the cafeteria, is that an activity that achieves company goals?

When an executive resists laying off people even if his factory is burned down, is that needlessly sentimental or plain good business sense?

Our answers could be predictable: A chat by the water cooler is relaxing all right but by no means "productive."

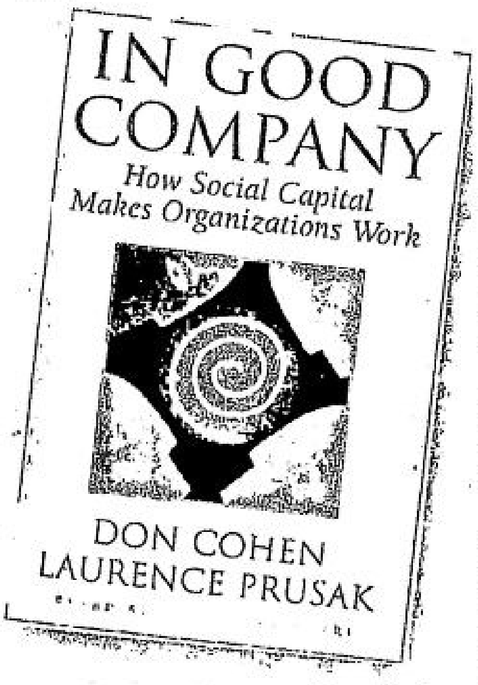
Gossip only feeds the rumor mill—and thus hinders, not promotes, company objectives. And that executive is so sentimental he is not needed in a no-nonsense factory.

But, surprise! The book, "In Good Company," says a relaxing time by the cooler is an investment in "social capital." And a casual swap of stories over lunch deepens a relationship, builds trust and strengthens the ties that bind employees.

And that executive is a real-life one: He is CEO Aaron Feuersten of Malden Mills whose factory was destroyed by fire in December 1995. Facilities and equipment that produced the company's popular polar fleece cold-weather fabrics went up in smoke. And suddenly, 3,000 workers had no work to do.

But Feuersten decided to keep them and to pay their salaries while the company began building a new factory. Was he ridiculed? No. Media hailed him as a heroic and humane business leader, earning him an invitation to the White House.

The authors of "In Good Company" say:



"That the public and business world would consider Feuersten's action so extraordinary and apparently 'unbusinesslike' suggests that many people do not yet understand the value of social capital in organizations.

"It takes nothing away from the humaneness of Feuersten's behavior to say that his decision made good business sense . . . By being loyal to his people, he ensured their even greater commitment to doing good work for the company."

What is social capital? The book quotes a Harvard political scientist, Robert Putnam: "Social capital refers to features of social organizations such as networks, norms and social trust that facilitate coordination and cooperation for mutual benefit."

EXECUTIVE READ

Long gone were the days when labor was a mere cog in a money-making enterprise. Henry Ford, credited for the popularization of the assembly line, belonged to that age when we had a mechanistic view of organizations. His lament, however, hinted at the need to revise such mechanistic mindset, when he said: "Why is it that when I buy a pair of hands, I always get a human being as well?"

This book is all about humans inside and outside the organization, how they relate to, support, trust and work with one another. It traces the origin of the idea of social capital from 1916 to the 21st century when the primacy of people and societies have been underscored—proving once again John Naisbitt's famous declaration that "in the midst of hi-tech, humanity asserts itself with hi-touch."

What is the contribution of this book? The book gives us a new lens by which we can truly comprehend what we had earlier attempted to explain about the primacy of people in organizations.

With several studies on organizations and economies that succeeded—and failed—the authors have the same conclusion: Leaders and executives who invested in social capital fared much better.

The book also provides an in-depth discussion on the emergence of networks as compared to communities. It would benefit the readers to apply their own experiences to this discussion—and see greater potential for nurturing such networks for present and future use.

The emergence of social capital as a force for corporate growth follows a positive trend toward emphasizing the value of people. First, we successfully elevated human resources management as a fitting tribute to "corporate heroes"—who else?

And then, we advocated the evolution of a "corporate culture"—placing people within the context of social relationships.

And then, in this century, the term "social capital" comes in to take the place of—but includes—human resources and corporate culture to effectively deliver one central message: Every organization must invest in social capital—as it invests in land, equipment and technology.

Words have their way of illuminating truths that were hitherto hidden in corners or overshadowed by earlier concepts.

"Social capital"—by the phrase alone—prompts our minds to reassess such intangibles as trust, community, connection, conversation and loyalty. On trust, Peter Drucker has this to say: "Organizations are no longer built on force but on trust."

And, as this book has shown, it truly makes good business sense to nurture such social capital elements to make work meaningful—and thus to release tremendous human energies. Herein lies the harmony between humanity and business.

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NHA approves land to 779 families

THERE are now 779 less squatter families in Antipolo City.

This after the National Housing Authority (NHA) approved the disposition of its land to the low-income informal settlers in Barangays Dela Paz, San Isidro and Sta. Cruz under its Community Land Acquisition Support Program (CLASP).

NHA general manager lawyer Edgardo D. Pamintuan said the disposition of NHA's property to the landless Antipolo families was in line with President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's earlier directive to immediately award available and suitable government lots to qualified occupants.

"One of the President's priority housing programs is the disposition of government-owned lots to squatter families who are already occupying them," Pamintuan said.

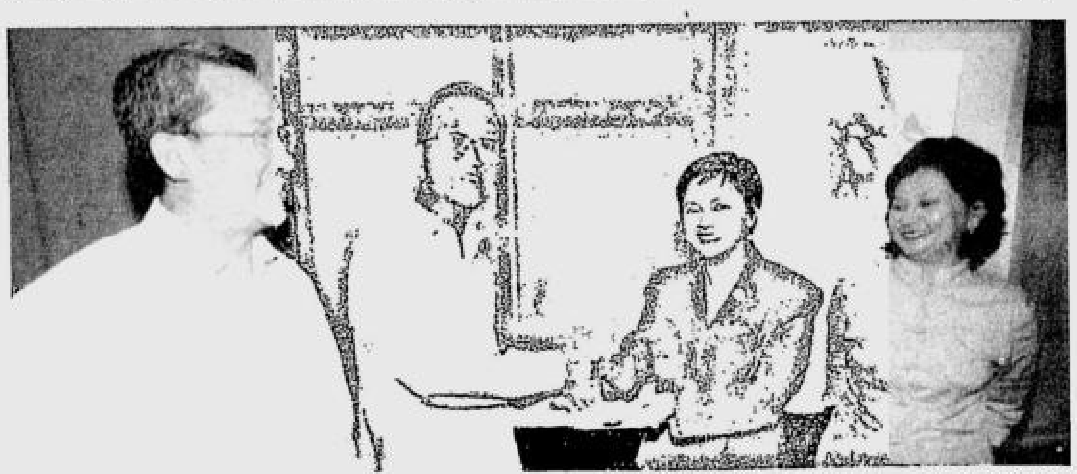
"This is going to be done after it is established that a particular property is of no use other than as a permanent residential area of the informal settlers," he said.

The disposition of the NHA land to the 779 families is contained in a memorandum of agreement (MOA) the NHA entered into with four community organizations representing the informal settlers.

These are the Samahan ng Mamamayan sa Tabing-Ilog Homeowners Association representing 174 families from barangay San Isidro, the Pangkalahatang Lupon Para sa Pangkaunlaran Homeowners Association and the Samahan ng Purok Sumulong Multi-Purpose Cooperative representing 87 and 298 families, respectively, from Barangay Dela Paz, and the Samahan ng Mamamayang Nagkakaisa representing 220 families from Barangay Sta. Cruz.

Under the CLASP, the beneficiary families can either opt to buy the property and be given a Conditional Contract to Sell, or choose to be relocated. As part of its program, the NHA is also providing technical assistance to the depressed communities in Antipolo such as in the drawing up of subdivision plans and formulation of the mechanics for home-savings plan.

The four parcels of NHA land allotted for disposition to the Antipolo families have a total area of 75,869 square meters valued at around P22.5 million.



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TABANG MINDANAW DONATION

The League of Corporate Foundations represented by Glecy C. Cuenco of AY Foundation and Dulce Festin-Baybay of ABS-CBN Broadcasting Network turned over P117,448.50 to Tabang Mindanaw co-chair Ambassador Howard Q. Dee, and Ernesto D. Garilao during the Task Force Tabang Mindanaw Meeting April 19. The money was collected from the employees and officers of AY Foundation–Yuchengco Group of Companies, Andres Soriano Foundation–A. Soriano Corporation, Philippine Business for Social Progress, Phinma Foundation and SM Foundation, for the LCF fundraising campaign dubbed "Tabang Mindanaw Noche Buena" in December last year.

MCU GRAD SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY

When the Graduate School of the Manila Central University celebrated its 52nd founding anniversary February featuring an alumni reunion luncheon at the Quezon Ballroom of Sulo Hotel, the guest of honor was NCR CHED director Amelia Biglete who gave an inspirational message. She addressed MCU administration officials, led by president Lualhati T. Gonzalez, faculty, Graduate School alumni, and student leaders at the alumni reunion.

Holiday Inn names new GM

BASS Hotels and Resorts announced the appointment of Andrew Langston as general manager of Holiday Inn Resort Clark Field in Pampanga.

Armed with an extensive knowledge of the hospitality industry, Langston has been with the BHR-acquired Southern Pacific Hotels for the last 14 years. Fresh from a three-year managerial stint with the 350-room Plaza Parkroyal in Singapore, Langston was also previously at the helm of the Islander Travelodge in Papua New Guinea, the Daydream Island Travelodge Resort in the Whitsunday Islands, Manly Pacific Parkroyal and Old Sydney Parkroyal in Australia.

He worked for three years with Buckingham Palace in England, where he was attached to its British Royal Household. His responsibilities included attending meticulously to the day-to-day requirements of Her Majesty's Household and the facilities of the Palace, which include the Windsor Castle, Balmoral Castle, and the Royal Yacht Britannia.

JUNIOR MARKETING ACHIEVER

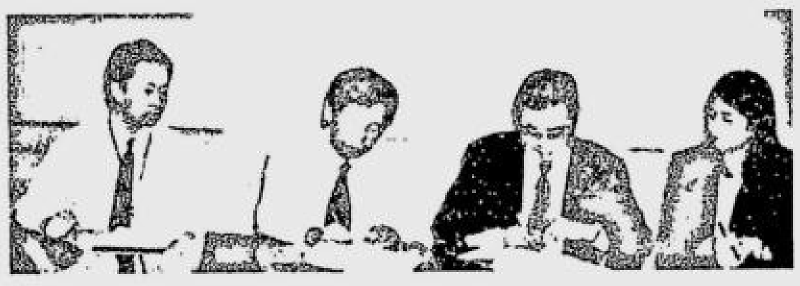
The Philippine Association of National Advertisers (Pana) awarded Marilyn C. Lotarino of Eulogio Rodriguez Institute of Science and Technology as Marketing Executive of the Year 2000 of the Junior Achievement of the Philippines (Japi) held recently. Photo shows Lotarino with Pana director Nestor B. Nisperos of Cable Technology Asia Corp. handing over the award.

RDCC cites DLSU-D

DE LA SALLE University-Dasmariñas (DLSU-D) was recognized by the Regional Disaster Coordinating Council (RDCC) for its efforts at making the school well prepared for disasters. RDCC-office of civil defense cited the DLSU-D Disaster Control Group as the first school-based disaster control group in 2001. DLSU-D was likewise cited by the Philippine National Association of Schools Security Organization.

CFBC MEETS CAMBODIAN PRIMER MINISTER

The Chinese Filipino Business Club's (CFBC) recent 77-man trade mission to Southeast Asian countries was highlighted with a courtesy visit to Cambodian Prime Minister Samduck Hun Sen. During the meeting with CFBC officers, the prime minister extended a goodwill message to Philippine President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo of the hope to strengthen ties between the two countries. CFBC's delegation composed of Chinese Filipino business leaders also visited Thailand and Vietnam to show the support of the business community to the Arroyo administration and to invite Taiwanese investors in these countries to take another look at business opportunities in the Philippines. Hun Sen is shown in discussion with Dante Go, president of CFBC together with a press representative from Phoenix Chinese Satellite from the People's Republic of China.



JGC APPOINTS ADMAKERS

JGC Philippines, Inc. (JGC), one of the largest engineering, procurement and construction companies in the world, appointed Admakers, Inc. as its exclusive advertising agency. JGC is ranked 14th in the world out of 225 international construction firms. A 100-percent Filipino-owned advertising agency, Admakers,provides advertising, sales promos, merchandising and below-the-line advertising services. Shown during the client-agency contract signing (from left) are Masato Kanazawa, assistant to the JGC president; Ichiro Kubo, president of JGC Phils.; Frankie Roman, president of Admakers, Inc. and Baybs Lim, Admakers' account supervisor.

Late night coffee

FIGARO Coffee Company has a new blend called Haf-A-Caf, a blend of decaf Arabica and Benguet high-grown Arabica. This blend is perfect for a nightcap as it has the flavor and aroma of freshly brewed coffee but only half the caffeine. Try it for your late cup of java at Figaro's streetside locations at Festival Supermall (Bridgeway entrance); LPL Greenhills (Eisenhower St.); Tomas Morato in Quezon City. For store hours and exact locations, call 751-1801 or log on to www.figarocoffee.com.

Mario's mom treat

COME celebrate Mothers' Day at Mario's restaurant. A sumptuous family buffet for lunch and a wide delectable selection of regional specials for dinner are offered for everybody's enjoyment.A special gift will also be given to all mothers. For inquiries and reservations, call outlets in Ortigas Center (634-3417 to 19), Tomas Morato in Quezon City (415-3887/ 372-0360) and Baguio City (074-4425445/ 7445).

SPECIAL CHILDREN VISIT THE REAL THING

Children from the Autism Center of Carriba, headed by its principal Rhodela Manaloto, recently visited the Coca-Cola Pavilion in Santa Rosa, Laguna. The core philosophy of the center is the development of the person's fullest potential through a holistic and functional approach, in partnership with his family and the community, enabling him to become a functional member of his society. The group also toured CCBPI's Santa Rosa Plants as well as its fish-filled treated wastewater lagoon. At the end of the tour, each of the visitors received Coca-Cola souvenirs and had their group photo at the Pavilion.

Nestlé, Couples for Christ hold outreach

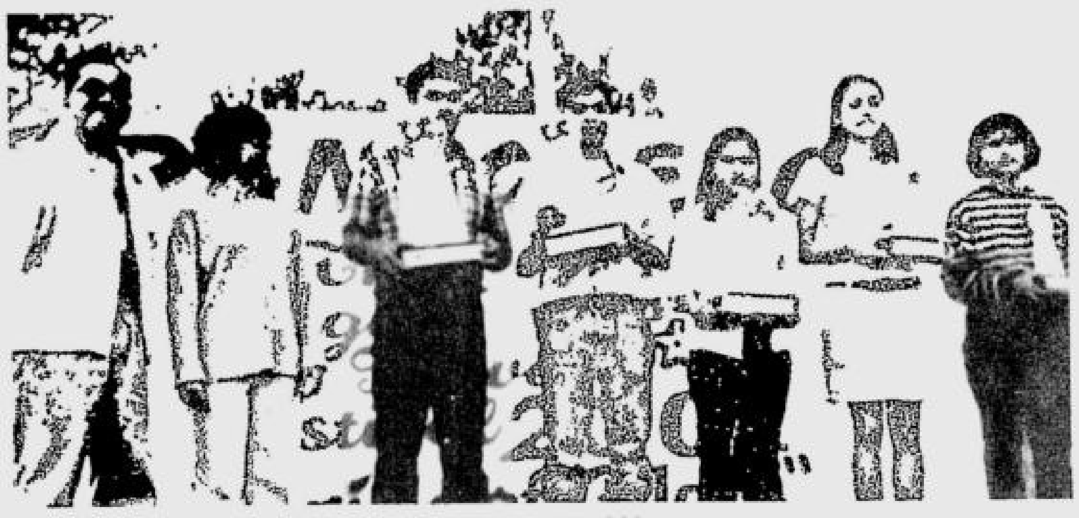
THE GROCERY marketing division of Nestlé Philippines, Inc. (NPI), in cooperation with the Caloocan chapter of Couples for Christ (CFC), recently held its first community outreach activity in Barangay Bagong Silang, Caloocan City, coinciding with the barangay's *Gawad Kalinga* fiesta.

Volunteers of the grocery marketing division, headed by marketing director Gabby Consulta, food group product manager Pat Cortez, and milks group product manager Gilbert Joven, set up a soup kitchen that served beneficiaries throughout the day. The CFC also conducted a garage sale.

The Nestlé volunteers over P30,000 to CFC head Tony Melotto as their contribution for the construction of a house for a family in the barangay and a scholarship fund for a deserving barangay resident.

According to Caron Vargas, food group assistant brand manager and outreach program coordinator, the marketing division intends to make the outreach program a long-term activity. Cash donations are welcome throughout the year as the division continues to sponsor community outreach projects.

"It's our way of saying thank you for the blessings that we have received and continue to receive, so that in our own little way, we can make a difference in the lives of other people," added Vargas.

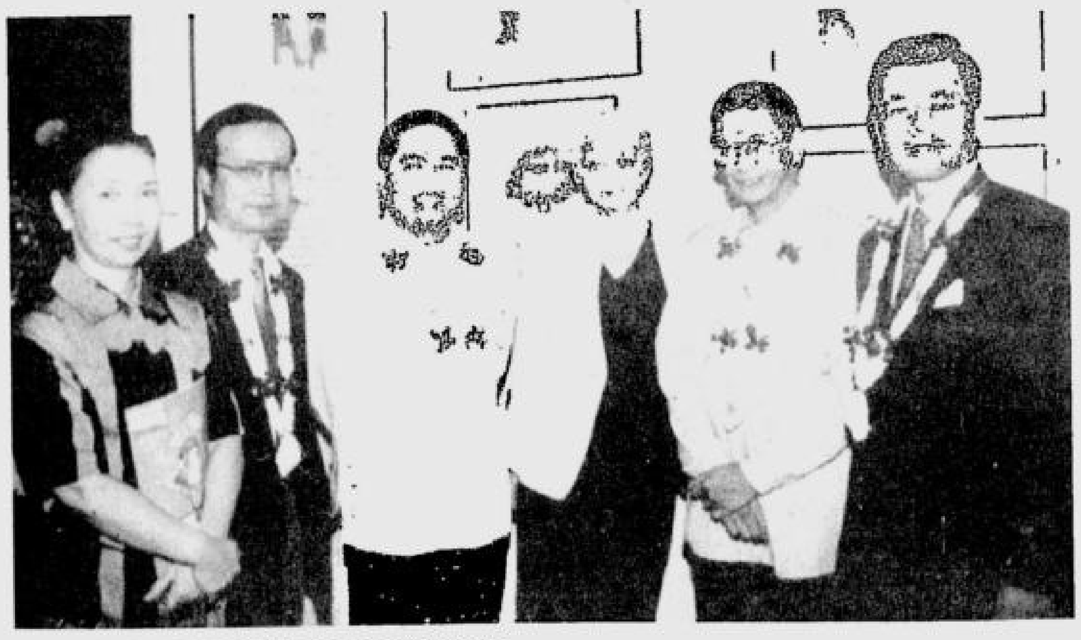


MARKET ENCOUNTER AT CAMP JOHN HAY

Twenty-two entries to the landscapes design contest served as main attraction of the Camp John Hay Market Encounter held during the recently concluded Baguio Flower Festival. Organized by the CJH Development Corporation in cooperation with Smart, Caltex and Pepsi, the Market Encounter attracts thousands of visitors annually and features, among others, an array of ornamental plants and novelty items, crafts workshops and concerts. Shown above are the winners in the landscape competition (open category) with CJH DevCo officials (from left) Ernesto B. Puguon, vice president and Gillian Y. Cortes, assistant vice president. Winners were Jose Acosta, first place; Ruben Zaparita, second place; Liza Aromin, third place; Samantha Pinder, honorable mention; and Vicky de Guzman, honorable mention.

PAC COURTESY CALL

The Organizing Committee of the 17th Philippine Advertising Congress of the Advertising Board of the Philippines made a courtesy call recently to Cebu City Mayor Alvin Garcia in preparation for the forthcoming convention at the Waterfront Hotel to be hosted by the Philippine Association of National Advertisers (Pana). Present at the courtesy call were (from left) Jun Alcantara (Pana), Lito Yabut (KBP), Angelica P. Suiza (Pana), Lilo Aliño, (4As), Atoy Babasa (Pana), Cergen D. Go (Pana), Mayor Alvin Garcia, Ramon Flores (KBP), Elaine Go Mapa (Primo), May Quiñones (Pana), Donna Canafranca (Pana), over-all chair Noy Dyliacco (Pana), Bien Fernando (Pana) and Pana executive director Dr. Nonie S. Azarcon.



CARTOON EXHIBITION OPENING

The 4th Asian Cartoon Exhibition was recently held in the Philippines, at the Shaw Lobby of the Shangri-La Plaza Mall. The event showcased 90 humorous and satirical cartoons by Asia's best cartoonists, including Roni Santiago's works representing the Philippines. Formally opening the event were the Embassy of Japan's Minister and Deputy Chief of Mission Yoshiyuki Sadaoka (extreme right), with (from left) Japan Foundation Manila Office director Motohisa Shimizu and wife Emiko; Shangri-La Plaza Mall vice president for tenant management CJ Jesena; wife of the Japanese Ambassador Myriam Ara and award-winning Filipino cartoonist Roni Santiago. After Shangri-La Plaza, the exhibition will be held in Indonesia.

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COLONEL SAULITO R. AROMIN, Inf. (MNSA) PA

of Bauang, La Union
Commanding Officer, 103rd Bde, I ID, PA
Basilan Province

on May 10, 2001 at the age of 51.

He is survived by his loving wife **Colonel Rebecca Maralit-Aromin, NC (Ret.)**; children **Sherlock, Sigrid, Shirley, Roland,** and **Ram Ronard**; brothers, sister, in-laws, other relatives and friends.

We request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at Our Lady of Peace Chapel, JUSMAG, Fort Bonifacio, Makati City wherein daily Masses and novena will be offered at 7:30 PM.

Necrological services will be on Friday, May 18, 2001 at 7:00 PM, St. Michael Chapel, Fort Bonifacio, Makati City.

Interment will be on Saturday, May 19, 2001 at 12:00 noon at the Libingan ng mga Bayani, Fort Bonifacio after the 10:00 AM Mass.

"Psalm 23: Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff Thy comfort me."

JOSE S. CLEMENTE, JR.

September 5, 1933 - May 6, 2001

Peacefully joined his Creator
on May 6, 2001 at the age of 67
at St. Mary's Hospital, San Francisco, California.

His beloved wife **Alejandra (Dading)**; children **Jose III, Alexander, Mari-len,** and **Aileen**; daughter-in-law **Nona**; grandchildren **Jose IV** and **Jennifer Catherine**; relatives and friends deeply mourn his passing and pray for his eternal rest.

His remains will arrive on Sunday, May 13, 2001 and will lie in state at Christ the King Church, Green Meadows, Quezon City at 5:00 PM.

Interment will be on Thursday, May 17, 2001 at the Heritage Park, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig following the 7:30 AM Mass at Christ the King Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Kidney Foundation of the Philippines will be greatly appreciated.

Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. Matthew 10:39

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INVITATION TO BID

The DEVELOPMENT BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES, Cabanatuan Branch, Cabanatuan City, will receive competitive oral bids on "as is, where is" basis at its office at Burgos Avenue, cor. Gabaldon Street, Cabanatuan City, on May 18, 2001 at 10:30 a.m. for the following properties to wit:

TITLE NO./DESCRIPTION/LOCATION	STARTING BID
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For further information, please see the Special Accounts Division of the DBP Cabanatuan Branch at DBP Building, Burgos Avenue, corner Gabaldon Street, Cabanatuan City or call telephone nos. (044) 463-1160 / 1165.

(Sgd.) **MGR. JANNETTE G. LAGAREJOS**

(PDI – May 10 & 13, 2001)

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

CHARLY BALDOMERO Y ESPINOSA

Of Naval, Biliran Province, Leyte is no longer connected with **CAPITOL ALLIED TRADING AND TRANSPORT** since February 19, 2001. Said person has an **ORDER OF ARREST** under Criminal Case No. 120650 filed before the **REGIONAL TRIAL COURT CITY OF PASIG BRANCH 68 FOR THEFT**.

Any information regarding his whereabouts, please call Tel. Nos. (02) 920-3820, 928-5856, 453-9618 or look for **EFREN PAGUIO** at No. 21 Mindanao Avenue, Quezon City.

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People, Events & Products

ARIES B. ESPINOSA, Assistant Editor

MMP strengthens pioneer status with Mindanao's biggest memorial park

Manila Memorial Park, known for its pioneering achievements in the memorial park business, may be making its biggest statement yet—in literal terms—in Mindanao.

The 84-hectare Manila Memorial Park-Davao is set to open before the end of 2001. With this, MMP boasts not only the sheer size of the Davao memorial park, but also the creativity of the concept that will shape it.

Dennis G. Lopez, vice president for marketing of MMP, emphasizes that MMP-Davao will also, quite literally, stand out from the rest of the existing and other soon-to-be-developed memorial parks in Mindanao.

"Most of the memorial parks in this area are in flat lands. There's no view. MMP-Davao, on the other hand, sits on a hilly area, which has a very scenic view. From a distance, on a clear day, you can see the pristine waters of the Davao Gulf. In fact, our neighbors there are two high-end real estate developments found at the foot of that hill," Lopez explains.

Lopez also discloses that MMP-Davao will adhere to the area's natural terrain. "The general concept of our park in Davao would be different in the sense that we want to focus on the environment this time. We want the development to adapt to the natural terrain of the area."

This undertaking, Lopez observes, has challenged the project architect.

"The contour's a bit tricky. It's taking a bit longer to come up with a design," Lopez says. "We gave him the parameters, and he has to work within those parameters."

"If we develop it the way we intend to, it will not remove any of the beauty of the place. It will enhance it."

MMP, however, is not unfamiliar with the concept of an "environment-friendly" park. All its memorial parks adhere strictly to environmental laws. The abundance of trees and lush greenery is one of the strongest selling points of the company. It is also people-friendly. Manila Memorial Park has also designed its parks to be a haven for the living: a place where families can gather and enjoy the verdant surroundings.

"It's basically the same concept we now have but with the additional effort to maintain or preserve as much as possible the natural contours of the land that is in the works for MMP-Davao." There are also plans to put up a picnic area and a campsite within the park.

MMP has initially planned to develop 10-15 hectares of the area, which has been described by locals as having lush, verdant surroundings.

Lopez also cites the accessibility of the park as a big come-on for the market. "Our park is located in Barrio Magtuod in Ma-a, which is about two km from the Philippine-Japan Friendship Highway and about five to six km from the National Highway that leads to Matina. It's very accessible to the city residents."

Expectations are high, both from MMP's and the Mindanao public's perspective. MMP is hinging on the high-spirited socioeconomic potentials the Arroyo administration brings, especially to the Mindanao area. "With all the focus the new government is giving to Mindanao, we feel that this is the right time to start development in the region," Lopez analyzes.

And this early, Mindanaoans, and even Metro Manilans, are aware and interested in acquiring memorial lots in MMP-Davao. "People have been asking about the project. About a year ago we put up a billboard saying MMP-Davao would soon be open. The public's curiosity has been awakened. People have called me up here in Manila to ask if they could buy already. Definitely, we see an interest." Lopez beams.

That public interest has been fueled by MMP's 37 years of being successful innovators in the memorial park business. It built the country's first memorial park in Sucat, Parañaque in 1964, and had since then built four more (The Holy Cross Memorial Park, MMP-Cavite—the largest in the country, MMP-Bulacan, and MMP-Cebu). In 1985, MMP built the first modern crematory in the country in its Sucat park. To complement its cremation services, MMP established modern "columbariums"—repositories of cremated remains—in 1993.

LOPEZ

MMP's latest undertaking in Davao is seen as a long-term commitment. "I just don't know if the present population can sustain the size of the park, but we're looking at things on a much longer scale. We're not looking at just one generation, but possibly two or three generations," Lopez stresses.

"MMP is optimistic that Davao will be booming like Cebu or Manila, someday. I certainly can't see any reason why it shouldn't. It has all the ingredients to become a premier city."

Looking at its track record of daring successes, it certainly pays to count on MMP's word.

THIRD SOLO EXHIBIT

Tito Roy (extreme left), senior art director of Hemisphere Leo Burnett (HLB), recently held his third solo painting exhibit at the Ayala Museum in Makati. Shown cutting the ceremonial ribbon to mark its opening are HLB executives March Ventosa and Michael J.H. Constantine with Roy's wife Carol.

ALLSTATE LIFE PAYS FIRST CLAIM

AllState Life Philippines, the biggest publicly owned personal lines company in the United States and one of the biggest insurance companies in the world recently paid its first claim, confirming its mission of ensuring the financial security of the Filipino family. Photo shows Lutgarda Aben, mother of the insured, receiving the check payment from Irene Polancos (left), customer service supervisor, and Thea Marajas (right), senior underwriter.

BITS & Clips

Garden summerfest at Araneta Center

VISIT the garden show and exhibit at Araneta Center. Titled "Farmers Garden Summerfest 2001", the event features exhibits, garden sales, seminar/workshops and promos for garden enthusiasts. Mall exhibits and sales are held daily until June 9 at Ali Mall and Farmers Plaza. Seminar/workshops on basic orchid growing (May 13), flower arrangement and corsage-making (May 19), composting (May 26), and basic landscaping (June 9) will be held at the Farmers Garden. Seminars start at 4 p.m. For inquiries, call Malu Ramos of Araneta Center marketing department at 911-3101 local 8308/8390 or 912-2159.

Gymnastics workshops at Ateneo

THE BLUE Eagles Gymnastics Academy at Ateneo de Manila High School offers summer gymnastics workshops for boys and girls until May 26. For inquiries, call 411-9054.

Cravings winners announced

MAY 14 is not only Election Day. It is also the day winners of Cravings Mother's Day promo will be announced. Special prizes await the lucky and lovely ladies of our homes, including massage therapy at the Palm Garden Health Spa, aromatherapy and a Cravings gift certificate for four to enjoy the "Ultimate Buffet."

WALL CLOCKS TO PARISHES

Zenith Insurance Corporation, a pioneer non-life insurance company in the country, is giving away wall clocks to key parishes and local churches nationwide as part of its community outreach program. Zenith, a 39-year-old Makati-based firm, specializes in bonds, casualty, motor vehicle, fire and marine insurance. Handing the clock is Bernard Supetran (second from left), Zenith assistant vice president for corporate affairs, to the Rev. Glenn Maypa, senior pastor of the Word for the World Christian Fellowship in Salcedo Village, Makati. Jorhie Alban, Zenith manager for corporate affairs, looks on.

OBITUARIES

JOSE "PEPE" J. VILLASEÑOR

Peacefully joined our Lord on May 8, 2001
in Balabagan, Lanao del Sur at the age of 78.

Together with our loving **Mama UNDA**, we his children **PINKY, JOJO, JOJIE, CARMEN, DORANNE**; sons-in-law **ABBAS, SURESH**; daughter-in-law **MELISSA**; his grandchildren, relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at St. Paul of the Cross Parish Church, SSS Village, Marikina City.

Interment will be on Wednesday, May 16, 2001 at Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina City after the 9:00 a.m. Funeral Mass.

"We have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding"
- Colossians 1:9

GENOVEVA FERNARDO ADRIANO
"ALING BIBANG"

"Yes, you are dear to our hearts, but as great as our love for you is, God's love is greater"

April 10, 1919 - May 11, 2001

Peacefully joined her Creator on May 11, 2001 at the age of 82.

Her loving children **Norina** and **Efren**, **Atty. Rodolfo "Boy"** and **Elena**, **Rolando** and **Letty**, **Teresita** and **Rick**, **Dr. Ricardo, Jr.** and **Grace**; grandchildren **Christine** and **Cid**, **Christopher, Catherine, Genevieve, Adrian, Olivia Elaine, Marilen, Ofelia** and **Joseph, Jhenyfer, Andrew, Kevin; Karen, Kathleen**; great grandchildren **Iris Kristin, Jose Ramon, Noreen Kristin, Menand Ramon, Ricardo Vicente, Angelica Mae Camille, John Carlo** and **Joseph Adrian**; relatives and friends request the pious readers to join them in offering praises and thanks to the Lord for her life.

Her remains lie in state at the family residence at Bayuga Street, Muñoz Science City, Nueva Ecija.

Interment will be on May 16, 2001 at Muñoz Memorial Garden after the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

Message of Thanks

From the family of the late

JUANITO CHAN MANUBAY, M.D.

who peacefully joined his Creator
on April 22, 2001 at the age of 72.

We wish to convey our sincerest gratitude and heartfelt appreciation to our relatives, and friends who sent flowers, donations, sympathy cards, offered Masses and prayers, attended the funeral rites, help and comforted us in so many ways during our time of bereavement.

May God grant you abundant blessings for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

Thank you very much.

Wife **Cely Racelis**; children **Anthony, Teresita, Mark, Cieri & Rocelle**; brothers and sisters, nephews and nieces.

Happy Mother's Day

YOU'RE D' BEST MOM!

Mommy Vi

We love you,
Matt² & Manny

WANTED:
FOR BEING THE BEST MOM IN THE WORLD

REWARD: JON-JON & CANDY
THE WONDER TWINS

Tita Joy,

Many nice things about you we often just think about but never expressed to you. Like how good and caring you have been to us. How you anticipated our needs and inspired us as we pursued our tasks in the service of the Lord. We felt your warm hand when we were misguided or were at a loss, or your gentle tap on our shoulders which jolted us to the right path. We heard your faint voice when you nagged softly about not losing hope

You are truly heaven sent - packaged by the Lord to be all what a Mother should be. And when they say Mother, we know it is you!

Happy Mother's Day! We love you!

Lat, Mike & Fe

For Endlessly Embracing Us
With So Much Prayer, Love & Care...
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

WE LOVE YOU !!!
from: Daddy, Bonnie, Jerry, Johnny, Eeeya, Jojie & Ruby

Mommy Emy.

You're the greatest mom, boss and friend... thank you for all the love, support & understanding you've shown us.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY...
We Love You!!!
Joy, Tin² & Ning

Happy
Mother's
Day
Mama Angie!!!

Love,
Papa, Aisa, Anjo
Cantalejo

Dearest Mama Osita I Love You So Much! Ofie

DR.NATIVIDAD
CLAVANO
Happy Mothers
Day Mom.
We Love You.
Greg & Jeanette

Dearest Pia,
to a loving mom to Andy & Kevin... and a great friend...
Happy Mother's Day!
Veers

How could life be without you, Mommy?
Thanks for everything.
We love you so much!
Hendrei, Harold, Hazel & Hershey

Happy
Mother's Day
Mommy!
[ROSA ALVAREZ HERRERA]
WE LOVE YOU!
Decky, Toots & Pops

Happy Mother's Day to the best Nanay in the whole world -

MRS. MYRNA D. VILLANUEVA

Love from all of us, Tatay, Vangie, Meney, Inee, Nilo and Mark

We Love You!

Dearest Lola Ning,
THANK YOU
for being a Great Mom to our Mom.

Love,
Michelle, Melissa and Monica

WE LOVE YOU MOM!
Love,
Carlos, Tracy, On-On, Ysa and Caloy

Nanay Anita &
Nanay Roma,
Lucky is a man with a devoted wife like you but luckiest are the children with a caring nanny like you.
Happy Mother's Day!
Djino & Grace

Inay,
Happy Mother's Day!
We love you!
Attaboy & Nini
Raul & Yvonne
Willie & Jenny
Stella & Franckie
Rey

Happy Mother's Day
Love,
Mahar
Mara &
Kano

Happy Mother's Day

Love,
RR

Dearest Thezette,

You're always be remembered.
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!
Love, Jimmy & Margery

Happy Mother's Day Mom!

WE'RE GLAD TO HAVE A MOM LIKE YOU!!!
WE LOVE YOU SO SO MUCH!

Love,
Dad, Mike, Tobie & Tracy

To the most understanding and loving mother... though we seldom say and express these words to you, the kind of love you have given to us is beyond compare. We owe it to you what we are right now and we're very thankful for always guiding us and being there specially in times of crisis of our lives. Being a mother (and a father too) is no joke, there are times that we are "makulit" and "matigas ang ulo" that it almost breaks your heart, but still, you're always there leading us to the right path, and for that mommy, we know that no amount of words to thank you enough for the kindness and love you shared to us, so allow us, in our own little way to greet you a very Happy Mother's Day from the bottom of our hearts.

With Love,
Henry, Cherry Pie and Morning

To the greatest mother in the world, happy happy Mother's Day!!
Best wishes and good health to you. Thank you for everything. We Love You.
From Col. Tony Atienza, Jr.

Dearest Nanay,
Happy, happy Mother's Day!!! We love you very much.
Through all the years you are my inspiration.
You are the light and love of my life.
Sorry for all the problems and inconvenience I had given you.
May the good Lord bless you always and keep you always in good health.
I LOVE YOU VERY MUCH.
From Honor Atienza

Dearest Lola,
Happy mother's day!!! WE LOVE YOU!
Anne Rhea and Marie Atienza

Happy Mother's Day Mama

Thank's for everything.
I Love You
Elsie

To the Greatest
Lola in the World
Lola Consoling
Happy Mother's Day!
I Love You!
Andre

To the Greatest Mom in the World
Carrie Ibarra
Happy Mother's Day!
I Love You!
Andre

Dearest Nanay Zeny,
Happy Mother's Day!!
We love you very much!!
From:
Col. Tony &
Mrs. Honor Atienza & kids;
Pamela & kids;
Efren & Nida Cruz & kids.
Rommel & Fe Atienza

To the Prettiest
Mothers in the world:
Pia Guerrero
Rina Manuel
Aleli Arcilla
Happy Mother's Day!
Love,
Andre and Tintin
Jovic and Steff
Bops and Cori

To My Mama Lin, Happy Mother's Day! I Love You! Jovic

Dear Mommy Emy,
Happy Mother's Day!
We Love You,
Chris & Hersh.

To Lola Ging
Atienza
Thank you for being a good mother to our parents.
Love
Trix, Lorenz
& Aga

To Lola Nita
Yrasuegui
For a wonderful mother and a perfect lola, thank you &
we love you.
Always,
Chay, Isay, Mayette,
Peter, Gabby, Joanna
& Trix

Lyn,
Happy Mother's Day!

Love:
Lanz &
Rading

Mommy Sally Sorolla,
Thank you for being so understanding, patient and supportive.
You are the greatest.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!
Your son,
Richard

HAPPY
MOTHER'S
DAY!
MOMMY
MALEN.
THANKS FOR
EVERYTHING
LOVE,
DADDY &
ZACHARY

Remembering Mama...

Estrella "Agang" Tuason Arce

September 15, 1929 † February 20, 2001

"Mama's heart is the force that binds.
As her love heals, her spirit endures."

'Tis the first Mother's Day that we've apart...
I miss watching you open your present as I recall the countless times I unfolded the many gifts only you could ever shower me...
Light for the tumults
Strength and will for the battles
Forgiveness for the after rain
And the wisdom to judge the difference.
Today, like many Sundays,
I will watch a movie with you and eat in our favorite chicken house... with Papa.
Because though the distance, our hearts will always be together, Mama.

--With grateful love,
Wowie

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY MAMANG TITA

With lots of Love,
Josie, Vinna, Gabie, Susie, Benjie

Happy
Mother's Day
Nanay!
We Love You
So Much!
Love,
Roger, Gigi, Renz, Reego

Mom, Happy
Mother's Day!
WE LOVE YOU
SO MUCH
Love,
Daddy
Renz
Reego

TO: MAMA ROSE GENTUGAYA
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!
WE LOVE YOU...
GOD BLESS
From: Chally, Dupz, Amil, Ogie & Anjing

To Mommy Even
of Mandaluyong City

The terms of endearment are difficult to fathom and never easy to measure. Like most intangible and essential things in this life, a Mother's unconditional love that touches the lives of her children leaves an indelible mark in their hearts never to be forgotten.

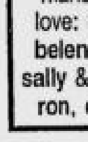
Today, we wish to tell you while you are still young and strong how much we truly love you and we thank you for being around.

Malou & Er, Mona, Mike & Ces

To our
warrior-mother,
Lecifina,
Happy Mother's Day to our warrior Mama We pray that as you fight your battles, you continue to win our hearts. Here's to more years of knowing each other!
We love you,
Liwayway & Demi Isabella

Happy Mother's Day to all the Moms in the Santiago Parreño clan!
Cadia Parreño
Connie P. Sevilla
Carolina V. Roa
Rally Parreño
Regina Parreño
Aida Parreño
Susan P. Manauag
Vith love from all your respective spouses and children

'Nay, salamat sa pagiging isang ulirang maybahay at ina sa aming lahat.
Happy Mother's Day!
Mahal namin kayo!'



Love,
Enteng,
Vic and Belen,
Tess and Rolly,
Sally and Elmer, Cookie,
Ron, Cleveen and Via

Mama Maring (Lope)
Happy Mother's Day!
We love you very much

From:
Toto & Rose,
Gene, Rico &
Rachelle
Apos:
Bianca,
Cheska,
Luigi & Kyle

'nay, salamat sa
pagiging isang ulirang
maybahay at ina sa
aming lahat.
happy mother's day!
mahal namin kayo.
love: enteng, vic &
belen, tess & rolly,
sally & elmer, cookie,
ron, cleveen & via

Lala,
Lucky is the man with a loving WIFE like YOU.
Luckiest are the children with a CARING mother like YOU.
Happy Mother's Day!
Randy & Brin

Nanay Naty,
Isang kang ulirang ina sa aming lahat.
Maligayang Araw ng mga Ina. -
Mga nagmamahal,
Jim, Joseph & Elaine, Jess & Lucy, Jun & Gene, John & Ana, Nenet & Richie, Mimay, & Lala

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Ma. Erlinda Balingit Santos
(April 30, 1943 - April 26, 2001)
of San Fernando, Pampanga & San Pedro, Laguna

was a caring, cheerful & loving mother to her family & many friends in PHS '60, UP Writers Club '64 - Diliman CAS faculty, Xavier HS Rizal-ZdN '65, The Little Prince - Lerma, BSMM, PLM '72, SKL, GSP Laguna, SLS, SPLDC, KLBL, Gawad San Luis group, Meycauayan craftsmen, Elvinda & San Pedro folks & numerous others to whom she said, 'There it goes, catch my sun'.

We thank those who commiserated with us. 40th day prayers is on 06/05/01. Contact 🖳 *rolly@santos.e-mail.ph* or at (r)☎529-3191, (o)✆890-3009, 📠 890-3079.

Happy Mother's Day!
sa
pinakamaganda ng
Nanay ng Entrepinoy
"Baby Amongo"
from EXCENPRO *Family*

Happy Mother's Day!

to the loving
Executive Wives!
"Lyne Balita and Sheila Galenzoga"

from EXCENPRO *Family*

To the Most Supportive Mama in the World
"Siony E. Balita"
Happy
Mother's
Day!

From: Nev, 22y, Ni2, Chat, Cavogi & Families

To the Everloving Mommy in the World
"Baby Medina"
Happy Mother's Day!
From: Carlyne Balita & Family; & Medina Family

MOTHER DEAR,
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!
WE LOVE YOU
VERY MUCH!
GOD BLESS YOU ALWAYS!
LOVE,
GING, LETLET & CHARLES
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Dear Margo,

Thank you for taking care of us!
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(PDI-April 29, May 6 & 13, 2001)

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(PDI- May 6,13, & 20 2001)

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PERSONAL

Sa aking mga ulirang ina,

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MALIGAYANG ARAW NG MGA INA
Maraming salamat po!

Nagmamahal,
Jimmy
Margery

Nanay Beth,

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Happy Mother's Day

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Dear Mama Jane. We love you & Happy Mother's Day. Love Jeanelle & Yma Tabaranza

Dear Mavic Hart,
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Noel Harty and Nadine

Dear Nanay Happy Maders Day! We love U! Fr Mshel Maryan Mayls & Tere

Happy Mother's Day Mama We Love You!!!
From Papa Pempi Nine & Myles Acelar

Happy Mother's Day Nanay Lennie! Thanks 4 Every Thing We Love U! Noel, Mavic and Nadine

Happy Mother's Day Nanay Rose Borja,you're the greatest mom of all! We love you so much Jun, Mitchel & Dave

Happy Mother's Day
Nanay Effie!
Love Fr Sherwin

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We Love You Very Much!
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Happy Mother's Day to Great Nanay Susing. We all love you. -Liway

Happy Mother's Day Mommy Susan. We Love You! Zyra, Myka & Daddy Rene Diama

Happy Mother's Day Mommy Inyang Delos Santos,we're proud to have you as our mother!We love you so much-Jun, Mitchel & Dave

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Daddy Jovel

To my sisters who are now great moms HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY - Ate Odit

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THANKS FOR EVERYTHING!
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Love, Toto Mark N-day Dez

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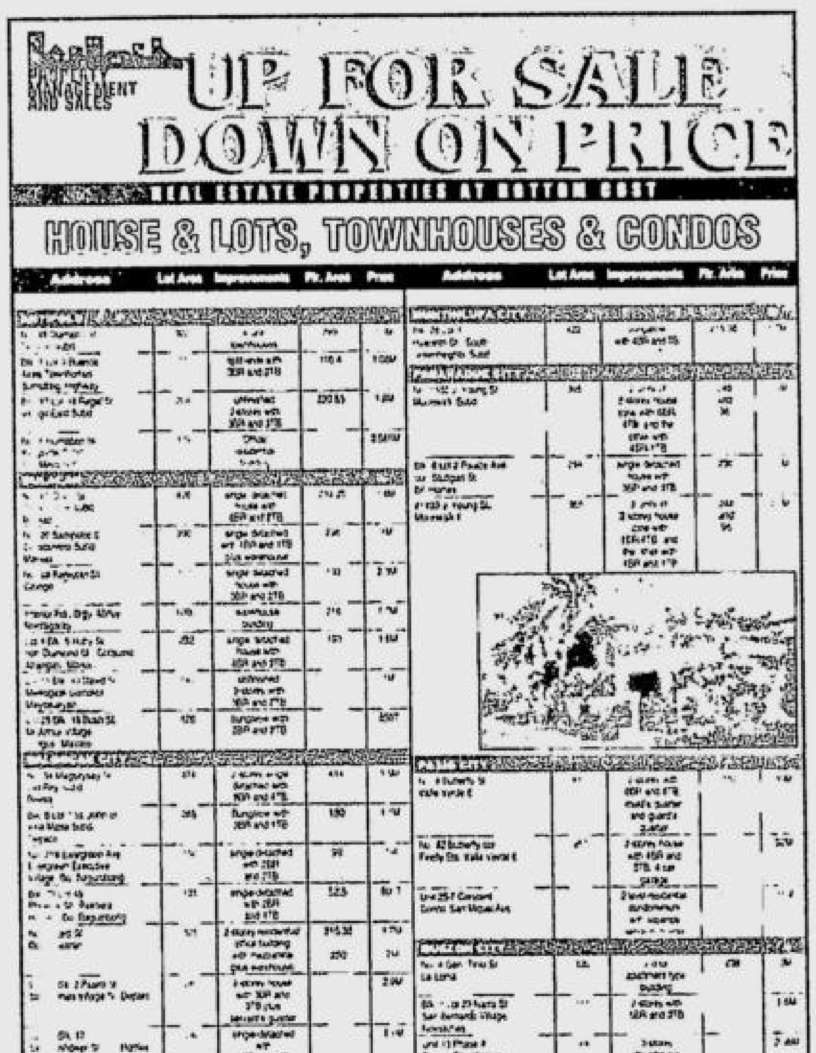

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INQUIRER TRIVIA

By BONG BARRAMEDA

Mother's Day

The idea of setting aside a day to honor mothers was the brainchild of a devoted daughter who believed that grown children, preoccupied with their own families, too often neglected their mothers. That daughter was Anna Jarvis (1864-1948), a West Virginia school teacher. In 1907 on the second Sunday of May, the anniversary of her mother's death, Jarvis invited a group of friends to her home and announced her idea. It met with unanimous support. She then undertook a letter-writing campaign, petitioning ministers, businessmen, and congressmen to help create a national day to honor mothers. In 1908, her persistence paid off, as churches in her hometown of Grafton, West Virginia and in Philadelphia, where she then lived, held observances on May 10. In 1914, Anna Jarvis was 50 years old when she saw her dream become a national holiday. In that year US President Woodrow Wilson established the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.

For the Record. The world's most prolific mother was a Russian peasant who lived in the mid-1800s when infant mortality was high. The first wife of Feodor Vassilet gave birth to 69 children—16 pairs of twins, 7 sets of triplets and 4 sets of quadruplets! Among this immense brood there wasn't a single *single* child and all but two of them lived to adulthood.

Past Forward. This day in 1900: The 2nd modern Olympic Games opened in Paris—and this time women were allowed to compete after being barred in Athens four years earlier. Charlotte Cooper of Britain became the first female Olympic champion by winning the singles and mixed doubles events in tennis. The big hero of the Games was American track star Alvin Kraenzlein who won the 60-meter dash, 110-meter hurdles, 200-meter hurdles, and long jump. However, the Games were overshadowed by the brand new Eiffel Tower, highlight of the 1900 Paris Exposition.

WORD WATCH

Nanay · from the Mexican-Spanish *nana,* "mother" or "child's nurse."

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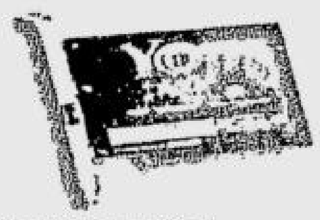
Interested parties may get in touch with the Liaison Office of RIDP at the Special Projects Coordination and Management Assistance Division (SPCMAD), Rm. 302, Department of Agriculture Bldg., Diliman, Quezon City, Telephone Nos.: 9279636 to 39. Deadline for the submission of the letter of intent including company profile is May 23, 2001.

(Sgd.) **EDMUND J. SANA**
Project Director

(PDI – May 9 & 13, 2001)



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BUY NAME BRANDS THEN EAT CHEAP

Japan's schizophrenic shoppers seek the best

TOKYO—Emerging from a Louis Vuitton shop in Ginza, Michiko Hosaka is a walking flashback to the excessive '80s, clutching several shopping bags, teetering on pinheels, and sporting sunglasses emblazoned with interlocking Cs.

But instead of speeding off in a Porsche or even hailing a taxi, the 26-year-old heads for the nearest subway station.

"I never use taxis. They're too expensive," she says.

Such disparity makes perfect sense in Japan, where the demographics are dominated by a modestly rich middle class that sees nothing strange in shopping at a brand-name boutique and eating a 100 yen ($0.80) hamburger on the way home.

"There is almost no upper class in Japan as there is in Europe and even in the United States," says Yasuyuki Sasaki, senior analyst at Credit Suisse First Boston in Tokyo.

"There is a massive group of middle-class consumers who appreciate the craftsmanship and are willing to pay for the brand name."

This willingness to pay top dollar for certain goods seems puzzling at first glance given the constant stream of gloomy economic news emerging from the world's second-largest economy.

After flattering to deceive last year, Japan's economy is once more close to recession and economists consistently point to weak consumer spending as a crucial but missing link in any recovery.

Luring consumers out of their shells is one of the major policy tasks facing the government of new Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi, whose promises to reform and revitalize the economy helped him sweep to power last month.

More shopping

Analysts say one explanation is that Japan's gloomy economic outlook encourages consumers to buy items from established fashion houses they believe will last, or stay in fashion, longer.

Some also suggest consumers may be trying to cheer themselves up or reassure themselves of their social status.

European fashion houses including Burberry, Gucci, Louis Vuitton and Prada have taken advantage of such healthy demand as well as falling property prices in the past few years to open new shops at Tokyo's swankiest addresses.

Louis Vuitton, besides its new shop in Ginza, plans to open next year a 10-floor store in Aoyama, another upmarket shopping district in central Tokyo.

It would be its biggest shop in the world and is expected to include a museum.

Louis Vuitton sales in Japan, which account for about a third of global sales, came to 100.3 billion yen ($830 million) in 2000, up 16 percent on the year.

Sales have consistently risen since the chain came to Japan in 1978, even after the asset-inflated bubble economy collapsed in the early 1990s.

"Since the bubble economy burst, consumers have become even more discerning about value," says Rieko Toshima, corporate and institutional PR manager at Louis Vuitton Japan. "I believe we've been able to match those high standards."

Domestic retailers, struggling to cope with stagnant overall demand, could only watch in envy as Louis Vuitton raised its prices by an average 9 percent in February.

Louis Vuitton explains the markup was only a result of keeping Japanese prices around 40 percent higher than Paris prices after re-calculating currency rates and manufacturing costs.

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JAAFAR: Determined to do well in business

Retailing is princess' crowning glory

(From page B3)

Even our educational backgrounds fit—I took up business management (in St. Paul's College) while my other sisters are into interior design, economics and marketing," Soraya says.

The first boutique was shortly followed by another after which Soraya decided to venture into something bigger—organizing *tiangge*-type shopping enclaves and pocket exhibits in some of the country's biggest malls.

The result was The 50th Ave. Store and Fil-Asia Exhibits.

The 50th Ave. Store is a one-stop shopping enclave at the Robinsons Galleria. It is composed of 35 different shops offering a wide array of quality merchandise—from fashion accessories to home wares.

Top 40 billboard hits are played inside the store, complementing the unique and colorful murals painted on the store's walls. These elements, she says, set a very conducive shopping atmosphere.

Soraya picked up this shopping concept from Selfridges & Co. in London. She just put in some modifications to adapt the concept to the local setting.

"Whenever I see something new and interesting, I am always willing to experiment on it," she says.

Fil-Asia Exhibits

Fil-Asia Exhibits is another one of Soraya's experiment. This company, founded only last year, holds "pocket exhibits" in both prime and recess areas of shopping malls. These exhibits, carrying different themes depending on the seasons of the year, run for only about two to three weeks.

Since last year, Fil-Asia Exhibits has held at least 15 of these "pocket exhibits" in Metro Manila and nearby provinces. These include the Technologies of the Millennium, Pasko sa Unang Milenyo, Vanity Fair, Los Baños Robinsons Exhibits, Love Notes Fair and Home Furnishings for Christmas.

The 50th Ave. and Fil-Asia Exhibits have grown into multimillion-peso businesses but Soraya and her sisters still manage to personally attend to these businesses. She says she dedicates her mornings for the business and her afternoons, to her father's office in the House of Representatives.

Soraya says that whatever she does and will be doing in the future, she'll continue the business she started. "It's a matter of managing your schedule, anyway."

In her early 30s now, Soraya is now ready to venture into something that may be new to her but not to her family. She is running for Tawi-Tawi's lone seat in Congress in the coming elections under the Lakas-NUCD banner.

The political side of her life is not her own making, she says, but she was born to it. "It passes from generation to generation and I am now the next in line," she says.

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Sunday LIFESTYLE

CHELO BANAL-FORMOSO, Editor

DRAWING by Vincent Rivera, 4, of Second Mom Preschool at the Ultra in Pasig

Thanks for showing up, Mom

THE EASIEST part of being a mother is giving birth. The hardest part is showing up for it each day." Mother's Day is traditionally the day when children give something back to their mothers for all the spit they produce to wash dirty faces, all the old gum they held in their hands, all the noses they wiped and all the bloody knees they "made well" with a kiss. This is the day mothers are rewarded for washing all those sheets in the middle of the night, driving kids to school when they missed the bus and enduring all the football games in the rain.

It's appreciation day for making your children finish something they said they couldn't do, not believing them when they said, "I hate you," and sharing their good times and their bad times. Their cards probably won't reflect it, but what they are trying to say is, "Thank you for showing up."

—*Erma Bombeck*

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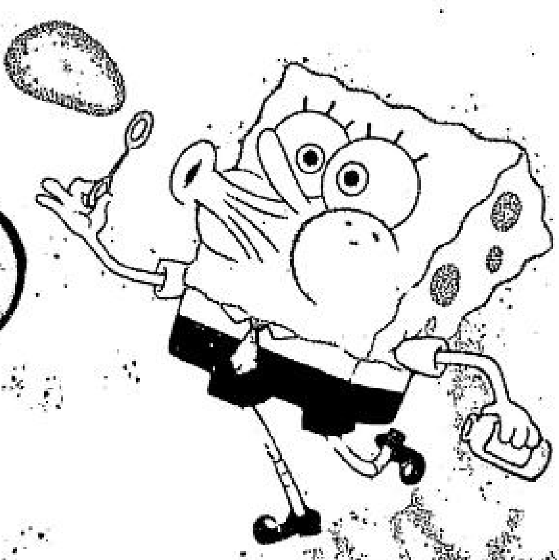

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Winners in bedtime smiles photo tilt announced

THE PAMPERS-KODAK Bedtime Smiles photo contest, which was launched in Greater Manila Area and Luzon late last year, ended recently a huge success.

"We at P&G are deeply overwhelmed by the contest's impact on mothers as proved by the huge participation we got from them," said Jamie Endaya, brand manager of Procter & Gamble Phils., makers of Pampers.

Over 500 entries from mothers with diapering babies swamped the Pampers-Kodak Bedtime Smiles photo contest, which forms part of a promotional effort of Pampers and Kodak to celebrate baby's development.

"The outcome of the contest only shows that we have connected with our target markets—the mothers—through our common goal of celebrating baby's development by capturing and preserving their baby's important moments," said Kodak Phils. consumer imaging division marketing operations manager Timoteo Jayme.

The contest, which ran Nov. 15, 2000 to Jan. 12, was open to all mothers with babies aged 0 to 3 years old. It was aimed at capturing the many faces of a sleeping baby.

The grand prize went to Linda Odicta of Chrysanthemum Village, San Pedro, Laguna, for the photo of her then 4-month-old baby, Kyle Avi.

An employee of Philippine Airlines treasury department, Odicta received the P100,000 grand prize.

Freelance graphic designer Anna Julienne Pamatmat of Greenheights Village, Parañaque, placed second with the photo of her 3-month-old baby, Dominic. She was awarded P20,000 and a T550 Advantix camera.

Placing third with P10,000 and a T550 Advantix camera was lawyer Gwen de Vera of Filinvest, Antipolo, who sent a photo of her 2-week-old boy, Jose Ma. Lorenzo.

The top three winners were chosen from a total of 20 finalists, who were picked in two waves of judging held on Dec. 15, 2000 and Jan. 15. All finalists automatically received one 35mm KE30 camera, two Kodak Max film four pack and P2,000.

Photos submitted were judged on the following criteria: technical aspect which consists of lighting, clarity of image, and brightness of color (20 percent); uniqueness of facial expression which refers to smile and facial expression (50 percent) and overall impact (30 percent).

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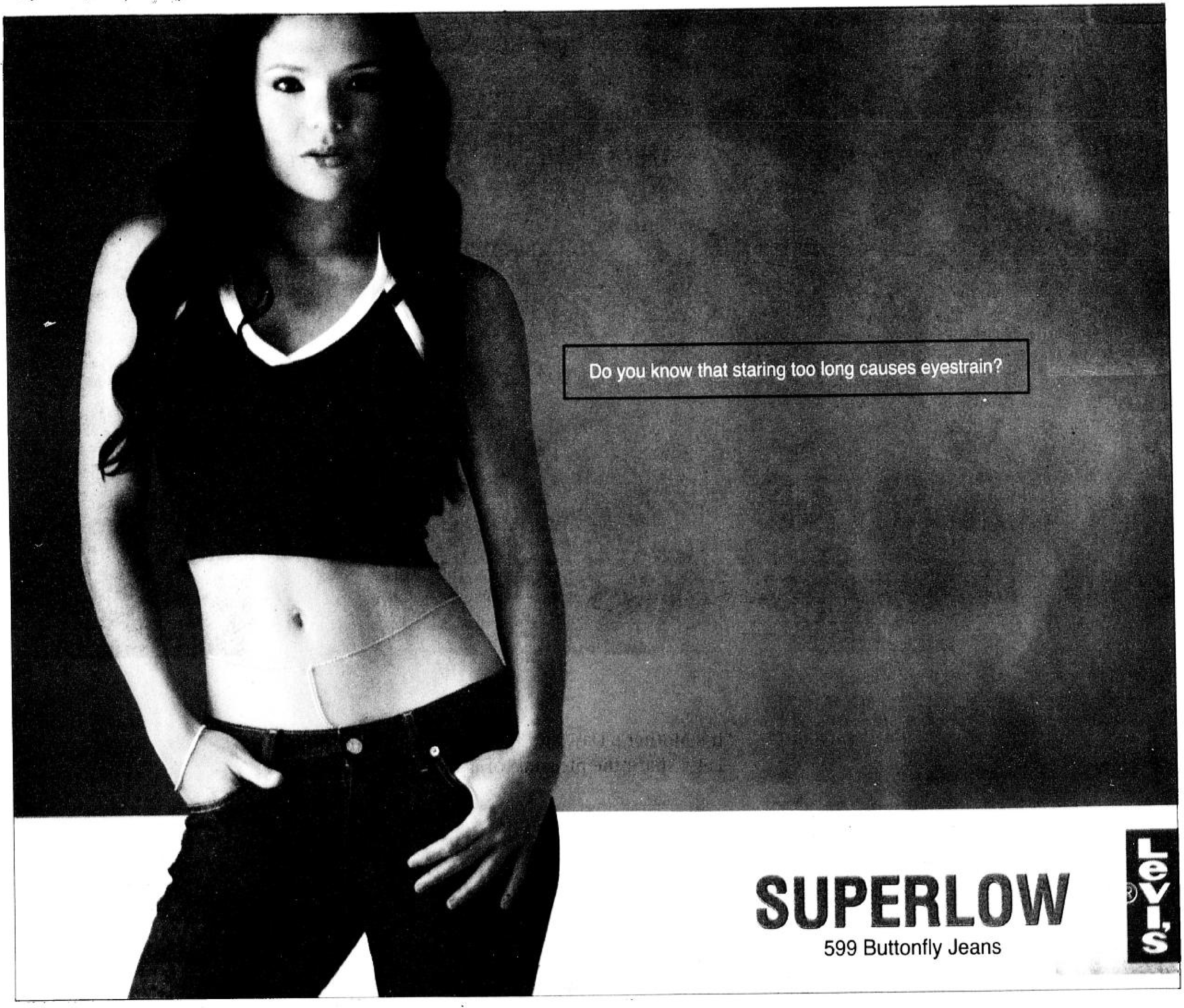

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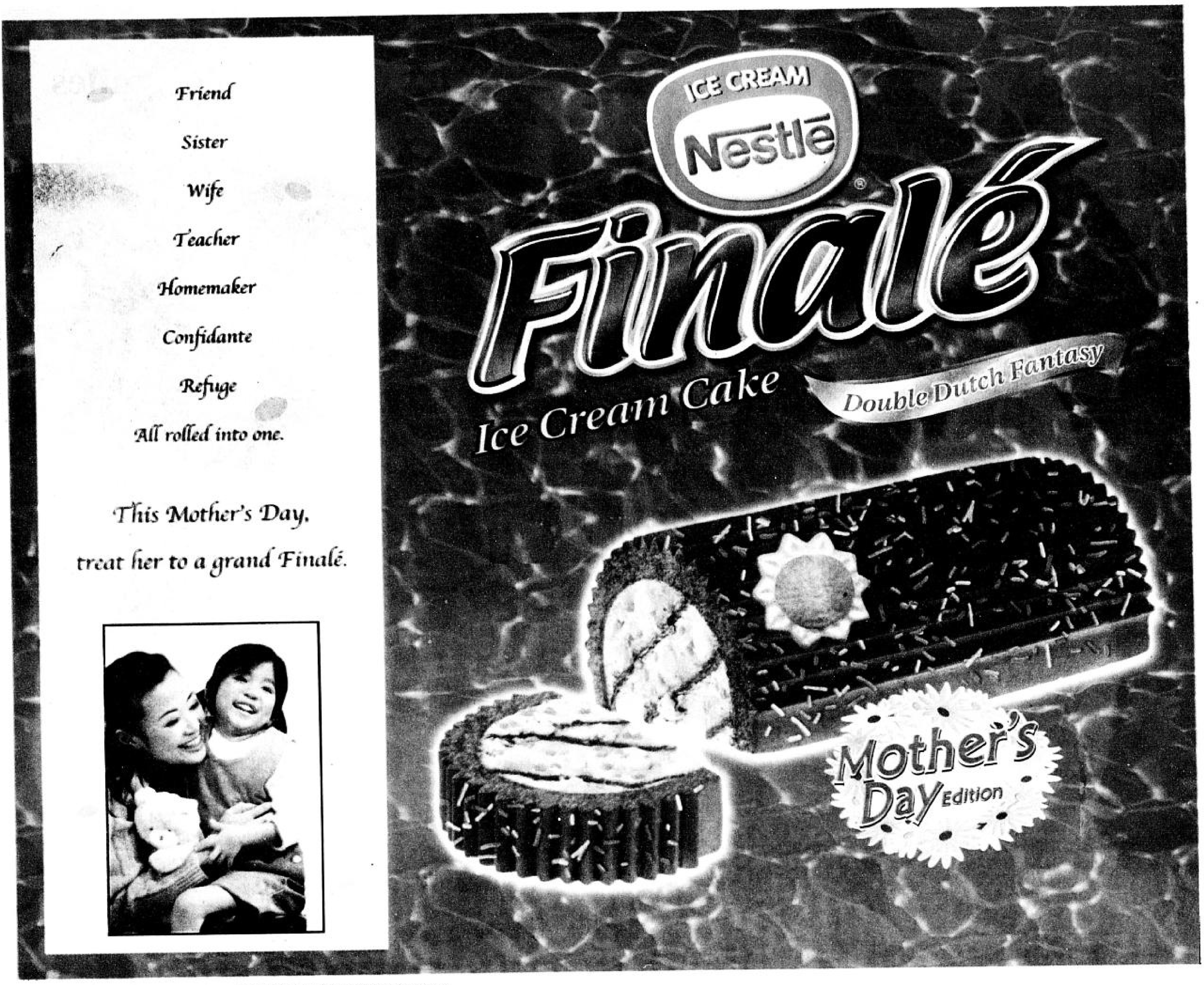

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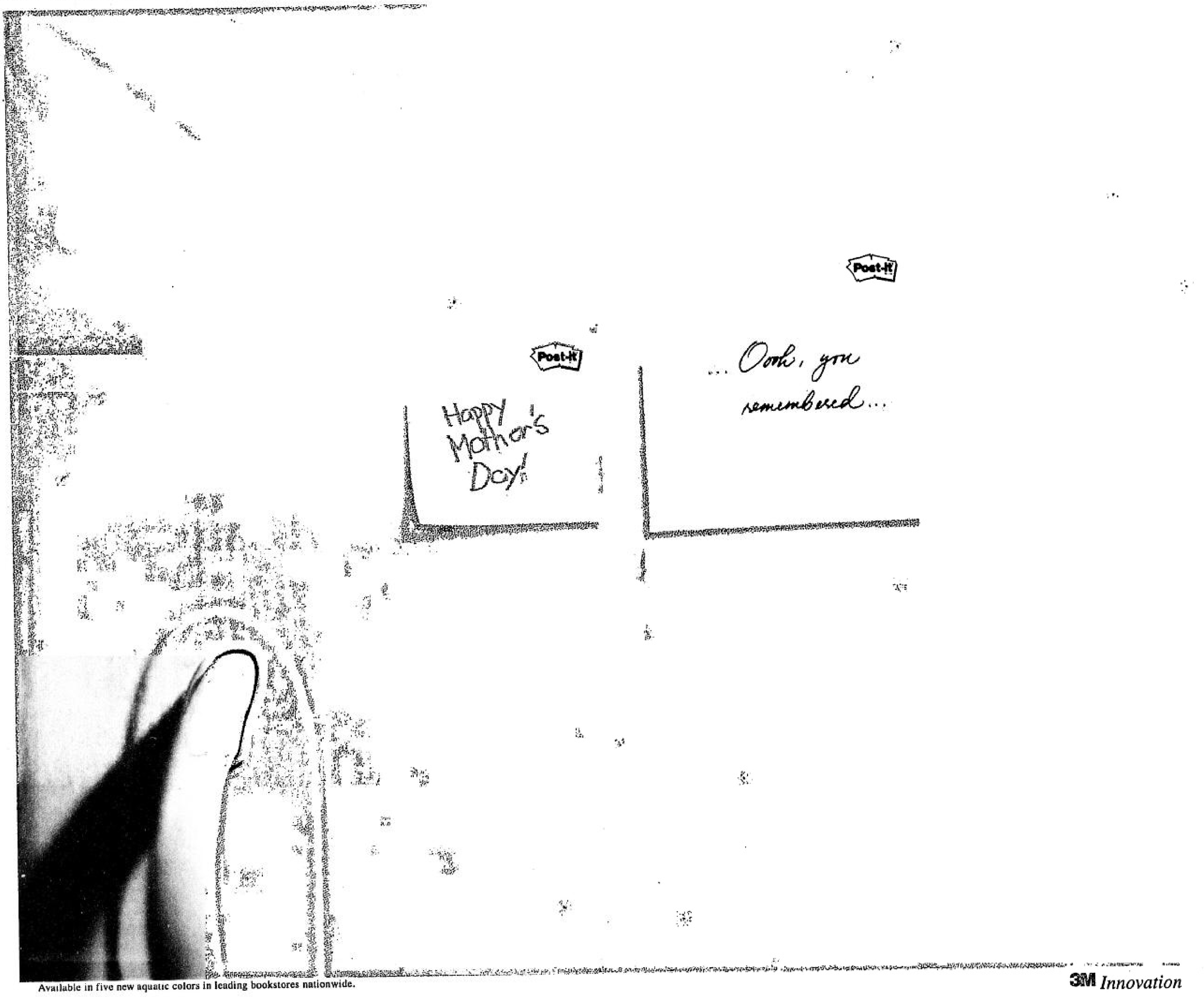

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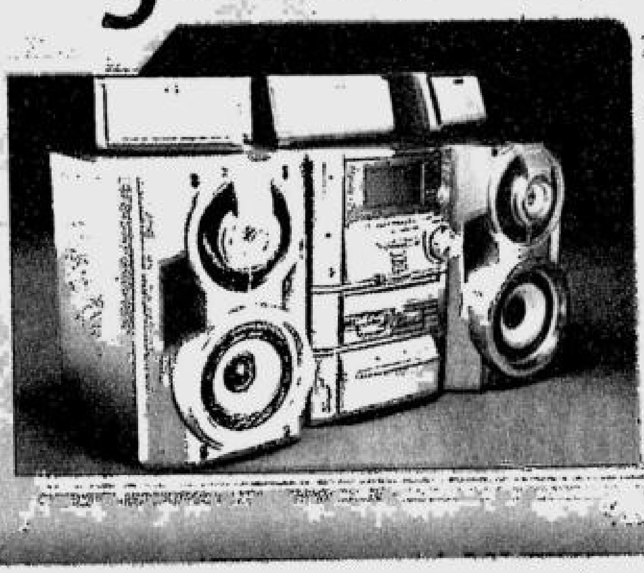

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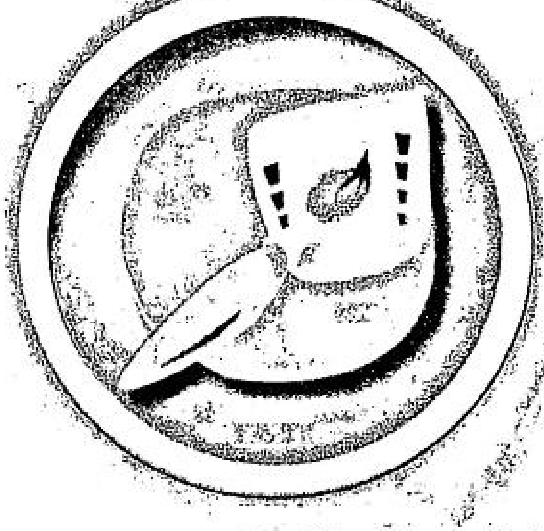

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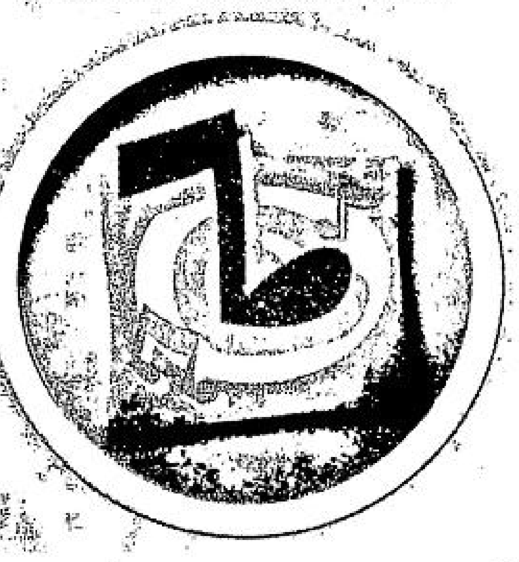

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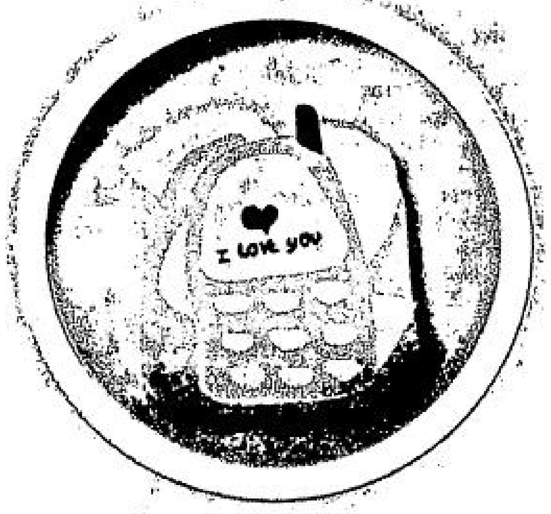

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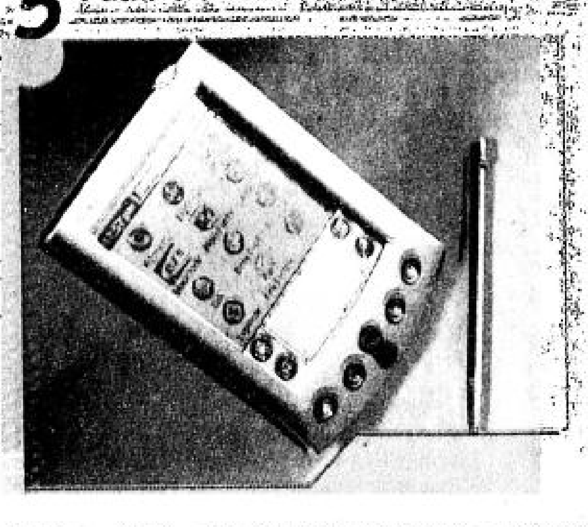

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VICKY and Joe Zubiri with the rest of the family

Young at heart

By Alex Y. Vergara
Photos by Betoy Johnson

INNER peace keeps me young and looking my best. I guess there's nothing more reassuring to a mother than to see all her kids happy and doing well in life."

Take it from Vicky Zubiri, mother of five and wife to former Bukidnon congressman Joe Zubiri. The couple has been married for 38 years now, but because of regular trips to the gym and a no nonsense diet—no rice, pasta and fatty dishes for her, please—Vicky doesn't look a day over 40.

A typical lunch for Vicky consists of a serving of veggies, bread, lean meat and fresh fruit juice. She doesn't skip meals, but can make it through the day without eating *merienda*.

Vicky loves ice cream, but is happy just the same with a scoop of frozen yogurt. Has she always been this disciplined when it comes to food?

"Well, I do succumb once in while to a juicy cheeseburger sandwich," she says with a chuckle. "Especially the one served at Tequila Joe's. But, yes, I've always made it a point to watch what I eat."

Vicky works out at Fitness Advantage, a stone's throw from their Ayala-Alabang home, four times a week. She usually spends an hour in the gym cross training and pumping iron.

"It's never the same every day," she shares. "I may be doing taebo today, then jazz tomorrow, then step aerobics the next. I always spend a few minutes to warm down."

Vicky also loves to dance, and for a time became identified with Manila's ballroom dancing set. Husband Joe, she shares, is the family's No. 1 "fat police," always reminding everyone to lose weight and take care of their health, never mind if he doesn't follow his own advice.

"It's just his way of showing he loves us," says the wife. "Not that I need reminding, of course. I've always been aware of the benefits of exercise since I was young. My mom, who's also a fitness buff, influenced me."

For a woman her age ("keep them guessing," she winks), Vicky can still slip with ease into a sleeveless blouse and a pair of low-waist jeans, thanks to her well-toned upper arms and washboard abs. Amazing, indeed!

"They're really all secondary," she says, as if to brush aside her beauty regimen. "I'm just a happy person. More than anything else, I take pride in my children's achievements and the exemplary lives they've led.

Family time

"Joe is a very loving and generous father," she adds. "I'm the disciplinarian in the family, but I never meddle in my children's affairs. I've always stressed the value of education and respect for others, especially the elderly."

Rather than impose stringent rules in the Zubiri home, Vicky has made it a point to guide her children in making the right decisions. Instead of corporal punishment, they were made to answer for the consequences of their actions while growing up.

"It was true during my time," she says. "And it's still true today. The stricter you are, the more the children will rebel."

Joey, Manuel, Miguel (yes, the handsome member of the "Spice Boys" of Congress and one of today's most eligible bachelor politicians) and Beatrice were encouraged to express themselves at an early age. Vicky also exposed them to good books, music and the arts.

"Sometimes I gave them books meant for older readers," she says. "Traveling also meant visiting the museum or watching a play or an opera."

Now that her four older children have flown the coop, Vicky still applies the same parenting style with youngest daughter Stephanie.

The 16-year-old studies at International School and shares her mother's love for the visual and performing arts. Like older brothers Joey and Miguel, she's also bright, opinionated and articulate—the makings of another politician, not that her mom minds.

"I had Stephanie without her father knowing it," Vicky quips. "But I'm glad I decided to have another child. With all the rest gone, I'd go bananas in this house without her. That's why I always look forward to Sundays when all my kids visit."

Beatrice, a US-based graphics designer, is also close to her mom. Indeed, mother and daughters treat each other like members of a *barkada*. They share secrets and even each other's clothes and shoes. Yes, Vicky, who wears a size 4 to 2, is that slim.

"We always look forward to spending time together in San Francisco," says Vicky. "Stephanie cooks, while Beatrice drives us around."

Inner peace

San Francisco has become a second home to the Zubiris since the family owns a house in the city. Vicky makes it a point to attend art classes there during her extended vacations. She recently took up charcoal painting after dabbling in oil several years ago.

"Of course, I still find time to work out there," she adds. "In fact, the gym I go to in San Francisco is open 24 hours."

GRANDMOTHER AND CHILD. Vicky Zubiri and youngest *apo* Javier

It was during one of her extended trips abroad four years ago when Vicky gained considerable weight. Although she still managed to slip into a size 6, Vicky, who stands 5'4", easily felt tired and unattractive.

"I have small bones," she says. "So I was on the plump side back then. I started to get back in shape with the help of my two daughters."

In due time, Vicky regained her old form and now tips the scales at 105 pounds. She also takes several Vitamin E and calcium supplements without fail.

Unlike most women, Vicky doesn't go for facials or regular trips to the spas. Although she still swears by the need to cleanse, tone and moisturize one's face, she's not loyal to any particular skin-care brand or product. "One's needs change as one ages," she reasons.

Believe it or not, she considers regular trips to the beauty parlor a waste of time. She only goes there once in a while to have her haircut and nails done.

Vicky also relishes her new role as "*aba*," short for *abolita* or grandmother in Spanish, to three of Manuel's children. She dotes especially on Javier, her youngest *apo*, who can now speak a few English phrases that sound like music to Vicky's ears.

"*Aba*, I love you!," the infant squeals as he climbs on her lap. "*Aba* loves you, too," Vicky reassures him, before giving the child a buzz on the cheek.

What about the inner peace public service brings?

"Have pity on me," she screams in mock horror. "Running for office is the last thing I'll do. Two politicians in the family is enough. Besides, I still have a daughter to take care of."

To Vicky Zubiri, giving birth to five "beautiful" children and rearing them to become productive, intelligent and principled citizens are reasons enough to feel fulfilled, happy and, yes, beautiful.

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NEVER TOO BUSY TO WORK OUT. Vicky in her Ayala-Alabang home

A master in the art of living

By Marge C. Enriquez

VIRTUE is the beauty of a person, says the adage. It's what makes one divine and unique. It is the color, form and shape of one's personality and it shines through everything.

This attitude has kept Maria Victoria "Marivic" Rufino eternally young at 49.

"I believe that real beauty emanates from the soul of the individual. It is an aura exuded by a woman who has the qualities of goodness, compassion, strength of character, depth, serenity and grace. I think positive and nourish my creative spirit always," she says.

Marivic or Mav is often identified more as a painter and essayist rather than the treasurer and building administrator of the family business, Mercedes Realty and Development Corp. She is active in civic projects as executive director of the Philippine Long Distance and Telephone Co. Foundation and second vice-president of Alliance Française. Recently, she acquired a new position as the wife of Bangko Sentral Governor Rafael Buenaventura.

MARIVIC Rufino keeps fit through horseback riding, eating vegetables and leading a balanced and active life.

'Although I do worry about major things, I try to do something positive instead of being paralyzed by them'

Fearless encounter

Although she has been acquainted with Buenaventura for many decades, she feels they've known each other for several lifetimes.

"We discuss issues. We are each other's sounding board, confidante, ally, adviser and best friend. We enjoy the same leisure activities. We value each other's privacy and give each other a lot of space," she says.

Marivic describes her second marriage as one of the "fearless encounters" in her life. Having been single for 23 years (she separated from her first husband, a stockbroker, in 1977), getting married again was a challenge. She had to adjust to her new responsibilities while maintaining her identity (she prefers to keep her maiden name) and professional commitments.

"I've had many fearless encounters, and I have made difficult choices. I took charge of my life in my early 20s. The first decision was to become fiercely independent and single. The second was my decision to go back to school at 30 and earn a theater arts degree in New York. I had to leave my young son behind, and I missed him terribly. It was tough, but we survived the temporary separation. The third, was to be an artist and to juggle jobs to support my art," she says.

Taking charge

Marivic values her time with her only son, Benito Rafaelo R. Lim, and his wife Michelle and her grandchildren, Bryan, Martynne and Brent.

"We bond by going out of town together, and we have a lot of fun. Although they have their own lives, they know I will always be there for them, no matter what. The babies are like my own. We relate to one another as kindred spirits. I make time in my busy week to visit—just to read stories, paint, play and pray with them. If necessary, I meet them at the pediatrician's clinic, too. When I'm abroad or just too busy, we have long conversations on the phone. It's a delicate but strong bond that's not based on the usual gifts but on quality time and love," she says.

Like most working women, her calendar is filled with meetings and social functions. An overcrowded schedule can be very stressful. She copes by managing her time wisely and by keeping a flexible schedule. "These give me a sense of balance and control. I take charge and this attitude lessens the degree of stress," she says.

"I avoid negative people and negative thoughts. Although I do worry about major things, I try to do something positive instead of being paralyzed by them. Positive action is important. I have learned, over the years, not to feel guilty or blame others. I remind myself, 'Don't sweat the small stuff.' I keep at peace with the world around me by releasing all the negative thoughts and ejecting all the accumulated emotional baggage. Life is too short. One has to live and savor every moment. One should not bear a grudge, feel enmity or bitterness toward anyone. Nobody is perfect. We all have our special qualities, and we should focus on them."

Artist

She also balances her work with her art. Marivic is preparing for her 12th solo exhibit in October at the Peninsula Manila. "It's been very hectic and I've been overwhelmed by the changes in my life, but I have managed to find little pockets of quiet time alone to paint. I go to the sea or travel for inspiration. Most of the time, I dream and indulge in astral travel. I dig deep into the recesses of my imagination for materials for my 'dreamscapes.' "

"Dreamscape" has been the title of her shows. The canvases evoked lyrical and mystic images of landscapes or seascapes as if seen in dreams. In her coming exhibit, the paintings focus on the subjects of nature and abstractions.

Her exhibit's opening night is always packed with Manila's Who's Who and the paintings are always sold out. The proceeds go to her favorite beneficiaries, the girls of St. Mary's House and Serra's Center.

Her shows are always chronicled in the lifestyle pages. It seems as if Marivic has had everything easy. She's admired for her beauty, brains and pedigree. But she reveals that life has also been a tough teacher.

Catharsis

"I had undergone an emotional catharsis when I worked simultaneously on my ecclesiastical declaration of nullity and civil annulment in 1990. It was a cleansing process that made me face the past, deal with unresolved issues that weighed heavily on my heart and plagued my mind," she says.

"By confronting the demons, the fears, the anxieties and problems of the past, I experienced a lot of pain. The scars became fresh wounds again. On the physical level, I would compare it to going to a specialist who has to break, reset and rebind a misaligned joint. On the spiritual level, I felt that the process was a lengthy healing experience that allowed me to forgive and forget. It didn't happen overnight. It took years before the pain, anger, guilt and confusion subside."

She's learned to let go of the past by focusing on today. Marivic's priority now is to "evolve spiritually." She says, "I am seeking a sense of balance to eventually achieve wisdom, serenity and grace. Hopefully, my art will bring me closer to that ideal state."

She's talking about the art of living.

A family's fortune

By Constantino C. Tejero

A WHITE statue of Our Lady of Fatima stands on a pedestal near the entrance of this Dasmariñas Village residence. Inside the living room is a portrait painting of the lady of the house in diaphanous white.

Fortune Ledesma receives her visitors in a solicitous, motherly way. Ensconced among her silver icons, art pieces, photo albums and Lalique crystals, she doesn't look the busy woman that she actually is.

Married to the consul of Bulgaria in the Philippines, Rene Ledesma, she herself is the consul of Monaco in the country. On top of that, she's a director of the Friends of the CCP, a former president of the Catholic Women's Club for two years and the vice president of the family's real-estate company. (The Ledesmas own the Ledesco Subdivision in Jaro, Iloilo City.)

And she had to raise three children, who are now ready to start families of their own.

So how could Mom still find time to attend all those parties one keeps seeing in society pages?

"I attend all those parties but my priority has always been my family," says Ms Ledesma. "Even if I'm active in these civic, religious and social organizations, my priority has always been the time I spend with my children. We're a very, very close family. We pray together. Every weekend we have a family outing or gathering. One thing with our family, we respect even the children's opinions. When they were small, *wala na akong ginagawa kung 'di basahan sila ng* books, even during summer. Their education is a top priority."

Raising kids

RJ, the Royal Tru-Orange boy, now 26, finished applied economics and business management at De La Salle University and is taking his master's at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Rina, 24, took up literature at the Ateneo and is teaching English at the Assumption. Rico, 21, is finishing multimedia arts at DLSU.

"My mom is overprotective," says Rina. "*Palaging nininerbyos 'yan* when we're outside the house."

"Especially when they were still teenagers," Mom butts in. "*Pinapalo ko rin sila 'pag may nagawang kasalanan. Kailan ba kita huling napalo*, Rico?"

HER husband and children keep Fortune Ledesma happy and youthful.

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"*Kahapon*," the hulking, 6'1" Rico meekly says.

Mom laughs heartily with the visitors, then adds: "*Sa laki n'yang 'yan, maski papaluin ko* [illegible] *masasaktan*."

Is there some kind of intercession by either parent during one such disciplinary action? For instance, if Dad reaches for the rod, does Mom intervene?

"Very seldom," says Ms Ledesma. "Otherwise, the children would be confused. Most of the time we agree [on points of disciplining the kids]."

Clearly this family has retained the small-town values of the traditional Filipino family. This calls for some celebration—the fact that, in such a milieu, family life has not been corrupted by urban living.

"As long as there's communication," Ms Ledesma smiles, happy in her simple belief.

Letting go

She shows us voluminous photo albums now browned by age, chronicling moments in each kid's growth since birth. She has keepsakes and mementos from them, yellowing cards and fading notes, all neatly arranged in albums.

"*Mahilig ako sa recuerdos, sa* family albums," she says wistfully.

Being close to her kids, surely she would find it hard to let go in the future? For instance, when they'd have families of their own, and especially since there are only three of them, Mom would be suddenly alone in this house, among the icons, portraits, photo albums and Lalique crystals.

"They'll come to visit us, I'm sure," says Ms Ledesma, and turns to Rina: "Aren't you going to visit me all the time, *anak?*" Then back to us: "*Sabi ko, 'pag nanganganak sila, sa akin lahat ang mga bata. Mahilig pa naman ako sa* babies."

In a few years she'd be a granny. But how has she retained her youthful looks, her svelte figure, despite having grownup children? Any beauty secret she'd like to share with mothers her age?

"Well, I always clean my skin very well," she laughs. "There's the usual night cream. Clinique beauty products, because they have all the lines. I eat anything, but not much. I exercise regularly, like walking and ballroom dancing. Most of all, it's your attitude in life. I am happy with my husband and children."

Mothering the Pooh

BY SYLVIA L. MAYUGA

SO what are you doing these days?" old friends I bump into invariably ask. "Don't you write anymore?"

"Yes and no," I answer. In my mind's eye, a little girl dances and clowns around a desk where there used to be empty Zen spaces in delicious stretches of time. "So what are you doing with yourself?" they insist.

Comes the sheepish confession, "Well… I take care of my *apo*."

"Full-time?" is the incredulous next question.

So the conversation lurches into one of life's rich jokes—2-year-old Pooh and an activist grandma called "*lala*" stuck together like two peas in a pod.

It isn't just the swathes of time and dollops of effort required to get her fed, bathed, dressed, exercised, rested that drive a 57-year-old into dead sleep at the end of another day of mothering the Pooh. A strenuous dual mindset—baby and crone—is required for survival. Once I was periodically mother and father to a well-behaved son. With creakier joints, I am now mom and *lala* as well as rocking horse and dancing partner, financier, driver, nurse, disc jockey, photographer and guide to all the parks and zoos within reach. Is there a choice when a mother has abandoned her child and a father is out of sync with a growing baby's ceaseless demands?

The reading, writing and gadding about that kept me from becoming a compleat mother to my son, now 28, who has returned to my door with a loud knock.

My pensive only child stopped picking flowers at 7 "because it kills them." Attempts to communicate a similar spirit to his extrovert daughter border on comedy. A perpetual motion machine around the sewing basket, photo albums, china, vacuum cleaner, fridge, pantry, phone, sound system, the computer with all its fascinating peripherals keeps an alternately laughing and shrieking grandma on her toes. Beats aerobic exercise any day.

With a thick independent streak, this baby has the unfair advantage of wit, beauty and early signs of a funny bone. What she cannot yet express in words is mimed, growled or jigged. Point is that she must have her way. Always. Of such are world tyrants and first-rate film directors made. "But don't you have a *yaya* to help?" common sense wants to know. Thereby hangs a tale.

Not so yaya-friendly

In short, they come and go. There was the long-haired one forever drying her tresses in front of the electric fan until she left to marry the boyfriend with a hair fetish. Then came the 14-year-old who faked her age and turned out to have lice already migrating to the baby's head. Next was the hard-luck lady retired from a singing career whose solemn mien, as she picked off every one of those lice, made me tiptoe around my own bedroom until she had to go and rescue her own pregnant daughter. The efficient one who followed got restless after the Pooh entered her terrible twos with a roar. Two more tried to take her place but the first was thoroughly frightened off by a 2-year-old's bone-jangling, imperial "No!" to all her ministrations. The second looked promising but had to opt for her sick child after two days. This would not have been written at all had not a seventh one just given me respite.

On the *yaya*'s off-days and in the in-between times is when I take the measure of my fate and the consequences of falling in love with a spitting image of the son I did not spend enough growing-up time with. Time management ideals are always at odds with the reality of a Pooh, you see. Newly bathed, she will go "Wheee!" like her cartoon fave Little Lulu, refusing to be dressed as she rolls and laughs on the bed to evade my grasp for a whole half-hour. Waking from an afternoon nap, she sneaks under my arm to suddenly click the computer mouse, instantly losing the large file I had been downloading from the Net for two hours. The classic wooden alphabet blocks hunted for past gargantuan traffic are instantly shoved aside for plastic Scrabble tiles regularly scattered under her bed. Already toilet-trained, she will backslide on fresh bed sheets twice in a single day for the heck of it. Schedules and good housekeeping are fine, *lala*, but it's much more fun to play a game called Red Alert all day.

Thank all the maternal deities my own mother is still holding the reins in our shared household and has kitchen and garden under control, freeing me for the refinements of a baby's diet and some semblance of my old life. Things would be much more ascetic without this Super Lola who, at 81, enjoys playing with the Pooh, buying me errand and galumphing time. Watching the two of them sway to "Mambo No. 5," the Pooh singing into Super Lola's walking cane (now a microphone, of course), frees more than my time in fact. As I warn both of them to go easy on the M&Ms sneakily stashed in my diabetic mother's fridge, my spirit is secretly frolicking back to the feel of eternal summer afternoons in the lap of extended family.

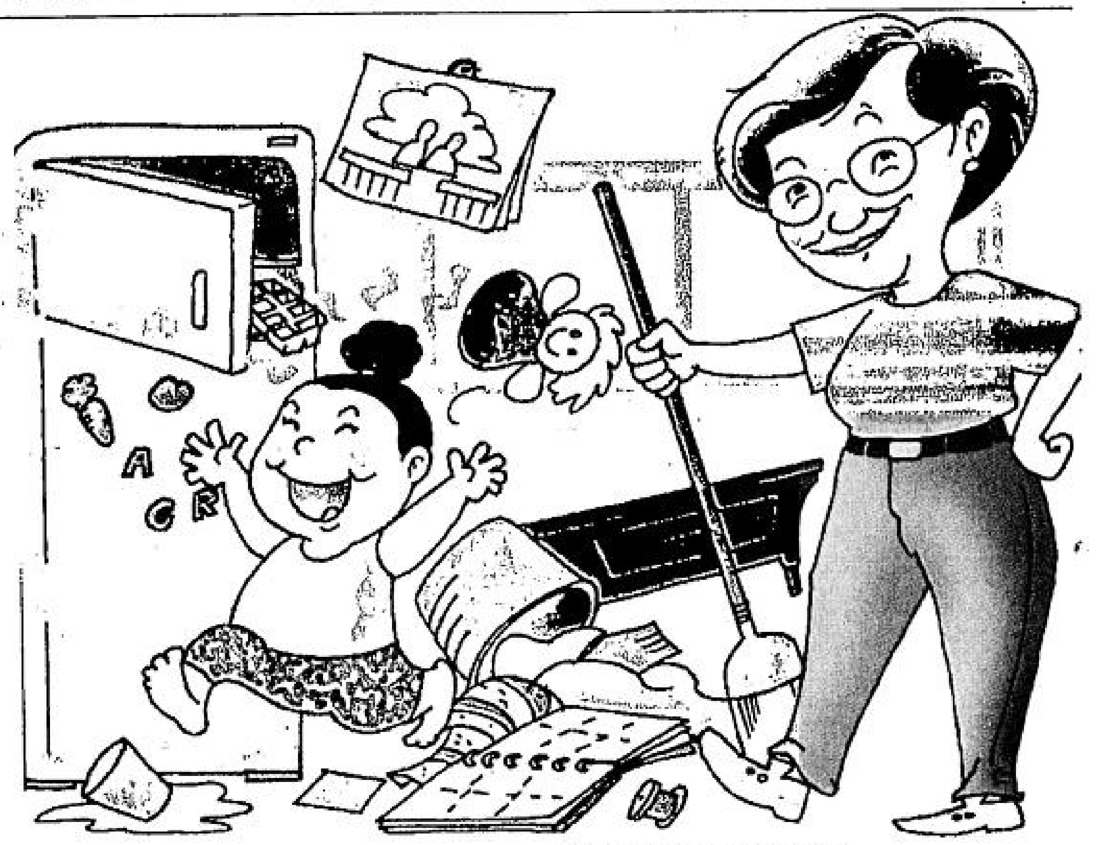
Periodic dislodgment

Three generations in one household welcoming the Pooh as their own is definitely her major blessing. Tita Prance and Lala Jassy make warm gifts of her daily necessities, regularly kidnapping her to their room. Lola Tita Cristie volleys upscale luxury all the way from London—now a shimmery teddy bear, now a pair of "infrared interactive" singing dolls the grownups can't have enough of either. Lola Tita Nina is responsible for that endless supply of M&Ms but makes up for it by guiding along wise investments for the Pooh's future. Lolo Ninong Mon gleefully shares the Pooh's father image at 50 as he helps her "value formation" along to Beatles' music. Add Ninang Laida's and Lala Patty's environmentally sound nappies and there is truly much to be grateful for.

Birthdays, weddings, christenings and, of late, funerals are also doing their work in socializing a resident empress perfunctorily receiving presents from the heart as her rightful tribute. Where I used to be an absent-minded presence in clan get-togethers, I now look forward to them as occasions for the Pooh's periodic dislodgment from the throne. With the reality check of second cousins rowdier than she, she is also getting a healthy first taste of sibling rivalry, thanks to a new clan superstar in year-old Kirsten. But such is family that the nasty stuff is always balanced by absolute joy—like playing horsy with 7-year-old Ate Kara and being fed creamy fruit salad by devoted Tita Nikki for as long as it takes to chase after her after every spoonful.

No wonder this hyperkinetic child's first sentence was, "I *lab oo*!" followed by "I like it!" The third sentence, after a break-in to the joys of swimming by her gaggle of cousins, aunts and uncs, was "I'm flying!" In ecstasy she cavorted in water wings from end to deep end of Lolo Mon's pool, her frantic wails at initiation completely forgotten. In such moments, *lala* can relax and swim away for a while, wondering whatever happened to existential angst and how the incorrigible world of Philippine politics can ever compete with the demanding magic of raising a Pooh hands-on, perchance to help tilt the balance someday.

> How can the incorrigible world of Philippine politics ever compete with the demanding magic of raising a child?



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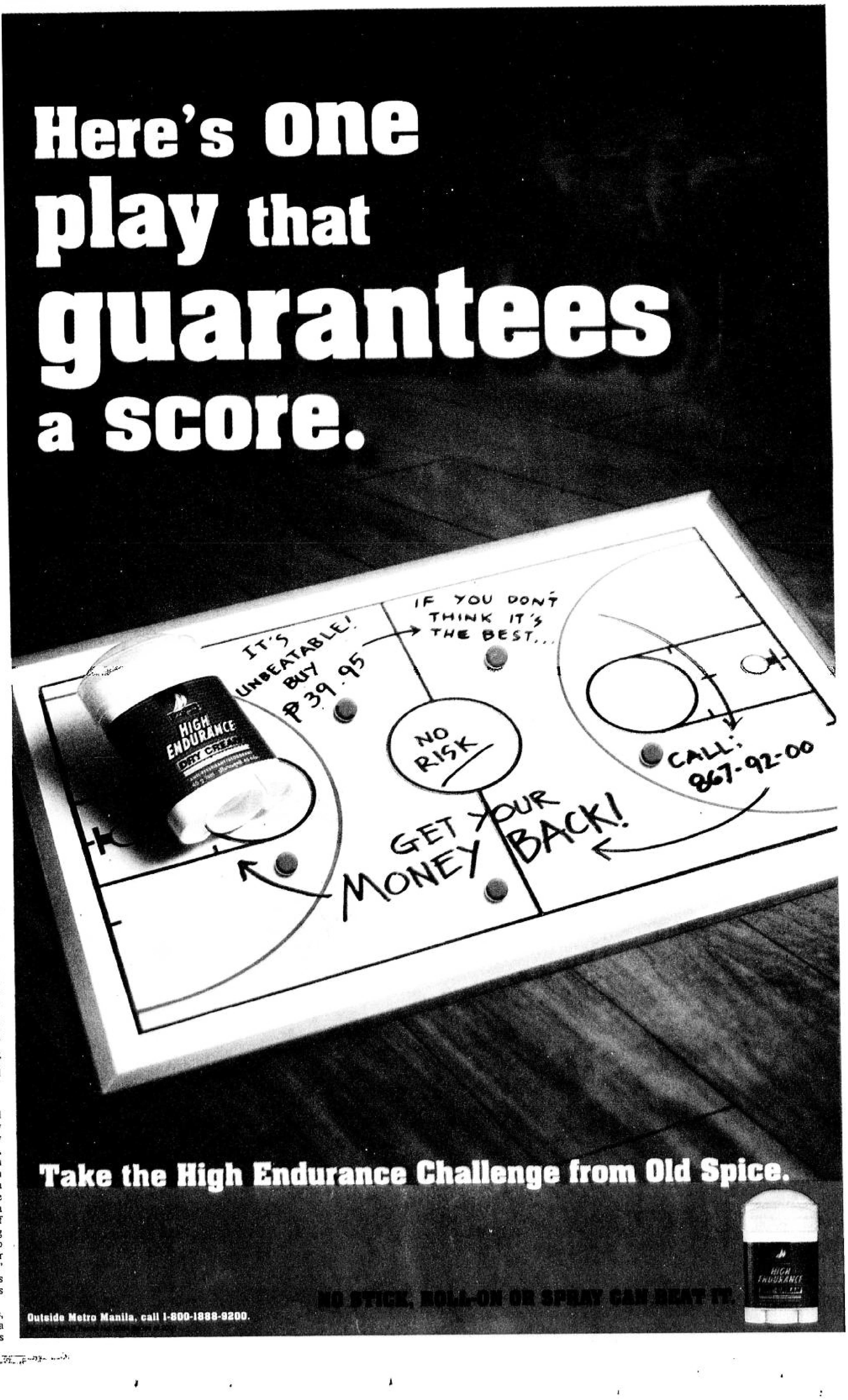

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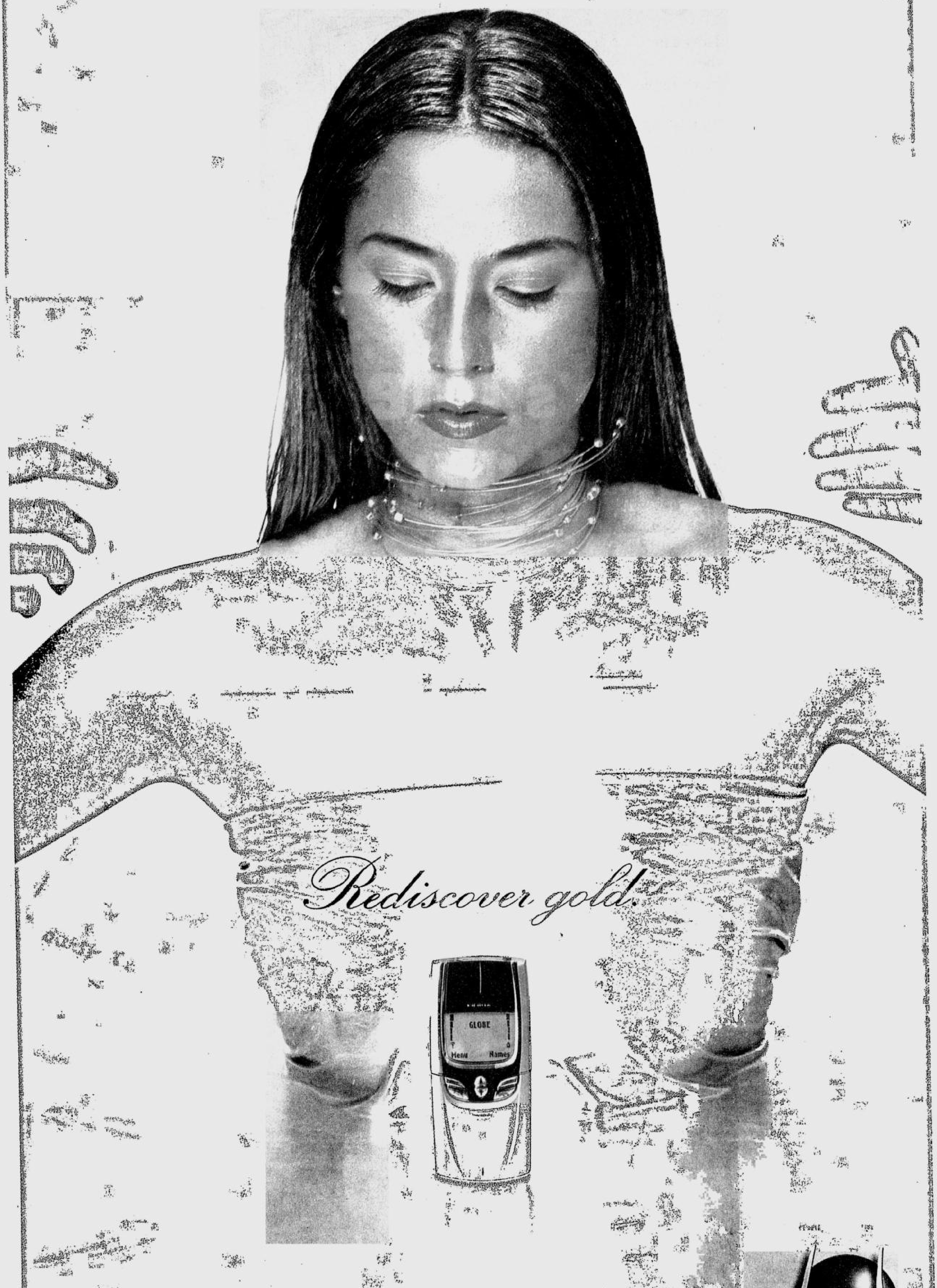
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FAMILY BONDING. From left, Enrique, Enzo, Tina, Mireya, Maricris, Nando and Andy

'Growing old gracefully has to do with attitude'

By Vangie Baga-Reyes

WHEN I set out to meet Maricris Vazquez-Prada for our Mother's Day issue, I envisioned a typical *matrona*, heavily made up with tons of blusher, pasty foundation, red lipstick and dangling earrings. I was terribly wrong. What I saw was a graceful woman in a chic white knit blouse paired with slim black

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Neighbors of cell phone tower are worried about health risks

THE CONSUMER
Marietta Velasco Giron

MS B. Tuazon, general manager of FIS—The Flavor Specialists at Rockwell Center, wants to know if it is safe to live close to a cellular phone transmission tower. At the time she sent us her letter, she said that Globe was constructing a cellular tower close to her house in Mabalacat, Pampanga.

Her apprehensions were no doubt triggered by the recently published Makati City Ordinance No. 2001-003 that regulates installation of communications structures including cell sites. The ordinance, according to a newspaper item, "aims to ensure the safety of residents since recent studies have shown that prolonged exposure to radiation emitted by communication towers and base transceiver stations can be harmful to death."

Ms Tuazon wrote: "Globe is currently constructing a cell site right in the middle of a residential area. Our house is about 150 meters from this structure and I would like to be enlightened on the safety of this communications tower. What will be the frequency range of this tower located on De Guzman Street, Poblacion, Mabalacat? What levels are safe for human exposure to radio frequency or microwave energy?"

Globe assurance

Michael C. Callanno, Globe's senior officer for customer service, assures Ms Tuazon that the tower is not a threat to public health. Citing the Radiation Health Service of the Department of Health, he said that to date, there is no scientific proof that the radio frequency signal being emitted by the cellular tower of telecom companies can cause health problems.

"Nonetheless," he wrote, "the DOH has adopted the parameters set forth by the International Radiation Protection Association which are: for non-occupational, roughly 5.9 meters for cellular antenna and 2.9 meters for microwave antenna. The cellular antenna (or panel antenna, or sector antenna) provides signal to individual cellular phone units while the microwave provides the link between cell sites so voices or data can be transmitted. The height of the antenna on the tower is 50 meters high average, or too elevated to expose the public to health risks."

Callano added that cell site power output is only 20 watts compared to the average 50,000 watts emitted by radio and television stations. "Even in the absence of a cell site in the neighborhood, residents are exposed to radiation coming from appliances with higher wattage such as television and radio sets, light bulbs, lamps, personal computer, hair dryers, walkie-talkies, etc."

For more details, e-mail Callano at mcalanno@globetel.com.ph

Readers' comments and complaints

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Sheldon D. of Baguio City commented on cellular phone snatching: "I am told that the cellular service provider can prevent unauthorized use of cellular phone by blocking the serial number access to the system, even if the SIM card is changed. (Legitimate owner has to alert service provider.) One word of caution on reader Abenoja Rodolfo's suggestion about protecting SIM card with password—phone owners should memorize the password.

From Alberta L.(address withheld on request): "What's the goodness of cellular phone security and pin codes if these can be decoded? Recently, my daughter could not switch to another cellular phone provider because she forgot her security code. We were advised to go to Semicon and have the security numbers decoded for a fee of P400 to P500. We would have to wait for 2-3 days to get it done, however. Somebody advised us to go to a shop in Raon, Quiapo where, indeed, the security code was decoded by an expert in less than two minutes for a fee of P150!"

D. Gen of psugen@yahoo.com says she is an ordinary employee who tries to make both ends meet with her meager income by, among others, buying basic commodities at the Erap Para Sa Mahirap rolling store at the Quezon City Hall grounds. Recently, however, she bought 2 kg of rice at P28 each, but was charged P2 more, supposedly for the cost of plastic bags.

She complained, "They didn't do that before. The extra P2 is too much for folks who are trying to make both ends meet with their meager income."

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She wants to do something about her friend's illicit affair with their boss' husband

LOVE NOTES
Joe D' Mango

DEAR Joe,

Just call me Jing. I'm 25 years old and presently working as an executive secretary in a well-known company in Laguna. I've been working here for eight years now and I have grown close to my boss. She treats me like her very own daughter and all her employees are very kind to her because she always attends to the needs of everybody.

But this letter revolves around my friend, Gina, who also works in our office. We share a common interest in many things and we are really good friends. She's pretty and that is why a lot of our clients really get attracted to her. Gina is always present whenever there's a family gathering in my boss' house because her husband always tells her that Gina is his relative. In 1992, Gina told me that she feels differently for my boss' husband. I was really shocked because I knew that they were relatives and, besides, he's already married and to our boss for that matter. I didn't mind it but I constantly reminded her of its consequences.

Last year, our boss went to the United States for a convention. I began to worry because I felt that Gina was getting in too deep with her illicit affair. I felt sorry for my boss because Gina was betraying her. I have always asked the Lord to enlighten Gina because I feel so guilty knowing that I could have done something about it. But I don't have the courage to reveal their relationship. Is it right to tell what I know, create a big mess, and destroy a family and long years of friendship? Please tell me what to do.

JING

> As a friend, the best thing one can do is to remind her that we can never be happy at the expense of others' feelings

As a sensible person, I know that you feel obliged to tell your boss everything that happens behind her back. But you haven't established a concrete evidence against Gina's illicit relationship with your boss' husband yet. Even if you know for sure that they are lovers, do you think confessing this to your boss would solve the problem?

I honestly don't think that we should meddle with other people's affairs but since you are directly affected and bothered by this, then you might as well do something about it. You are not in a position to tell Gina what to do or what not to do even if she is your friend. You can only try to bring a change in her relationship with your boss' husband and that's only how far you can go.

If you tell your boss what you see or hear then you just might merit from it by being a loyal secretary. But in exchange, you would probably lose a friend and ruin a family. I'm sure you wouldn't want that to happen. So why don't you try to find a solution for the other side?

Don't judge Gina by telling her that she's wrong and what she's doing is a sin. Don't even try to talk her out of the relationship for she will never let go unless that's what she really wants to do. As a friend, the best thing you can do is to constantly remind her that we can never be truly happy at the expense of others' feelings. Tell her to weigh her options and be guided not by emotions alone but by good judgment as well. Keep on praying that they may be guided by what is right and pleasing to the Lord. Let us remember that we should accept people as they are. We should not judge them when they have gone the wrong way but rather help them realize what is right so they may change to become better and more responsible and loving persons.

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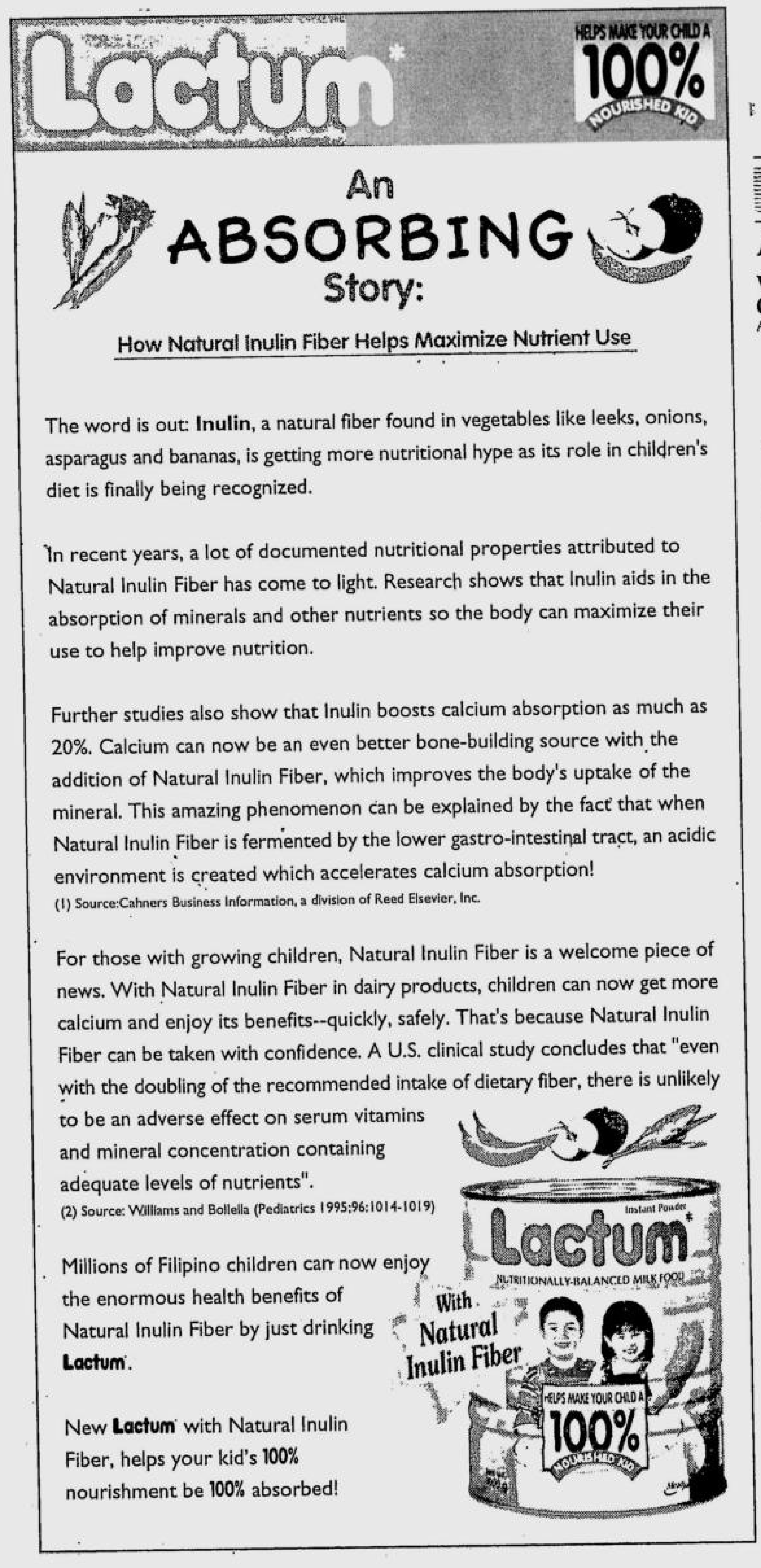

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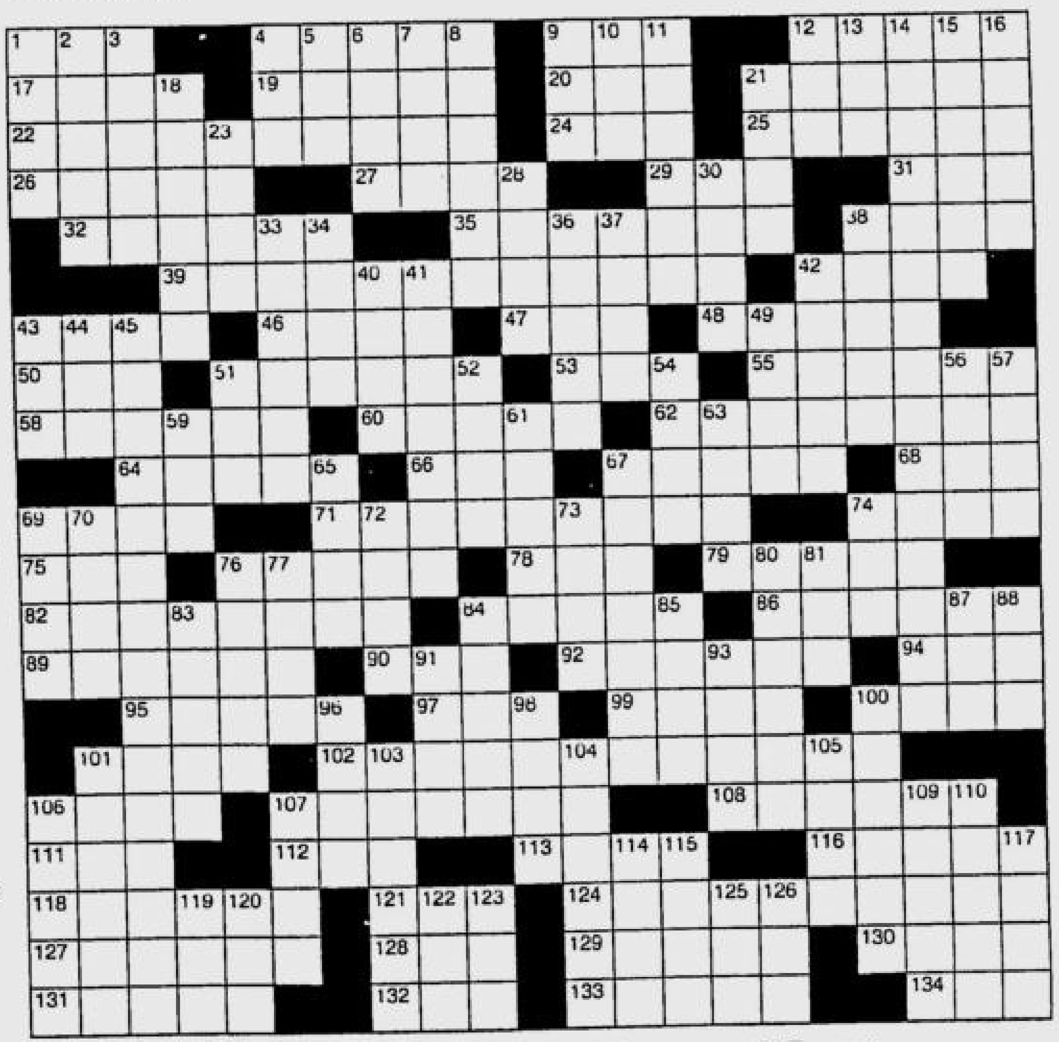

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1 Collectibles, collectively
4 "Crocodile Dundee" star
9 "The — Hurt" ('59 hit)
12 Word form for "large"
17 Composer Janacek
19 Persian, presently
20 Zsa Zsa's sister
21 Mead subject
22 MISTY
24 Perfect score
25 Statistical foci
26 Vessel part
27 Utah city
29 SHAEF commander
31 Fasten a brogue
32 Lacking principles
35 Kid heaven
38 Unisex garment
39 SNOW
42 Pageant prop
43 Word with farm or frog
46 "Casablanca" character
47 "Stroker —" ('83 film)
48 Prepared to propose
50 Actress Hagen
51 Muslim title
53 Medical grp.
55 Left out
58 "Cabaret" setting
60 Feat
62 Sudden decline
64 Rover's restraint
66 Barcelona bravo
67 Turns soft
68 Compete
69 — Mawr
71 FAIR
74 Like May
75 W. Hemisphere grp.
76 Torrid and Frigid
78 Napa Valley vessel
79 Porthos' pal
82 Neighbor of Ethiopia
84 Park feature
86 Half the diameter
89 Diner patrons
90 Shaq's pack
92 Israeli coin
94 — -Locka, FL
95 Magna —
97 Terrier's tidbit
99 Part of UCLA
100 Cut a cuticle
101 Extinct bird
102 RAIN
106 Actress Schneider
107 Heebie-jeebies
108 Folklore figures
111 Burro
112 Gray matter?
113 Annie Oakley's birthplace
116 Impressive tales
118 Big name in temperance
121 Sprite
124 HURRICANE
127 Kampala's country
128 Scand. country
129 Once more
130 Faxed
131 Intrinsically
132 — milk
133 "The Haystacks" artist
134 Stephen of "The Crying Game"

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2 Range rope
3 Symbol
4 — nibs
5 Hosp. areas
6 Sheffield slammer
7 Frank or Francis
8 "One of These —" ('75 hit)
9 Wager
10 "— had it!"
11 '82 Attenborough film
12 Damage
13 Soul, to Sartre
14 HEAT
15 Salad veggie
16 Attack
18 — Tuesday
21 Footfall
23 Calvary inscription
28 Bit
30 Hook up with Mir
33 Indians and Indonesians
34 Soothe
36 Marina sight
37 Watch part
38 Sound
40 Sale stipulation
41 Some computers
42 '92 US Open champ
43 Bathroom fixture
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52 A shake in the grass?
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'Growing old gracefully has to do with attitude'

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pants and red Manolo Blahnik high heels. She wears no heavy makeup but just the right hues to accentuate her green eyes.

She readily shares her secret for looking good and looking young. "I'm happy," she declares. "I'm 59, but I feel 40 because I feel good." Maricris, a mother of two (Enrique, 36, and Andy, 25) and a grandmother of two (Mireya, 5, and Enzo, 3), has never lost her luster. Her hair with strands of sunny highlights complements her flawless *mestiza* skin and subtracts a few years from her age. She has impeccable taste in her choice of everything—clothes, shoes, bags and jewelry, including house furniture and furnishings.

Her cheery disposition keeps her going, she says, even when the going gets rough. "I feel good about everything around me," she states. A loving husband, caring sons who are both professionals, beautiful grandchildren and a dependable set of friends are reasons enough to make Maricris feel good about everything. "Growing old gracefully has a lot to do with attitude. You have to be happy and feel young. Me, I'm happy being with my friends. I also feel young when I'm with my children and their friends."

A happy marriage, which unfortunately not all women are blessed with, also plays a big role in Maricris' zest for life. "Ours is a marriage made in heaven," she says of her relationship with stockbroker Nando. "We're friends. We get along well. We can be together the whole day and not be bored."

The couple has been married for 36 years. Now that her husband has retired and her children are grown up, they can spend more time together watching movies, dining at new restaurants in town or just spending a quiet time together at home. "That makes my life so important. I have a great husband. I spend a lot of time with him. If I know my husband is having lunch at home, I don't have lunch with my friends. I always look forward to spending an afternoon or going out for lunch or dinner with him. That makes a lot of difference," says Maricris, a full-time homemaker.

VAZQUEZ-PRADA'S sunny disposition keeps her going.

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> Maricris Vazquez-Prada didn't take any job outside the home to be able to raise her sons well, a decision she doesn't regret to this day

For perfect family bonding, the couple travels abroad with their children. Maricris loves to travel. She loses herself in the glorious and historic cities of Spain, relaxing and not thinking about problems back home. "Traveling takes your mind away from problems. Once in a while you have to get out and leave town," says Maricris, who was born in Negros Oriental to a Filipino mother and Spanish father.

Keeping fit

Maricris watches her diet. She's not a vegetarian, but she eats healthful meals and drinks milk before bedtime. A daily exercise keeps her fit all the time. "Exercise your way to a better body, mind and soul" is her mantra. She used to go to a gym, but now she works out at home. She used to have a personal fitness trainer, but now she is all by herself. When she wakes up in the morning, she heads for the treadmill and runs like crazy before taking a shower. Exercise helps start her day right.

Maricris also dances to feel good and stay trim. She goes ballroom dancing at least twice a week with her friends Rose Jacob, Linda Lagdameo and Vicki Zubiri, among others. She loves mambo and rumba.

Another of her secrets for looking good is looking right. Even if she is a full-time homemaker, you'll never catch her without makeup or with uncombed hair. She goes to a salon every day. She visits Franck Provost or Mezzanine in the morning. "I love going to parlors. I'm a bit vain," she admits. For her, even when you're older, it pays to go to your favorite beauty shop and take a look at new make-up products. You can glitter and glow, sparkle and shine with some of this trendy stuff. "Enhance your natural assets," she advises.

At night, before getting to bed, she removes her makeup using Dr. Suntay's makeup remover, cleansing lotion and moisturizer. As much as possible, she doesn't sleep with her makeup on.

Her hair plays a huge part in the way she looks. "I change my hair and highlight every six months," she says. "You have to look different at times," she justifies. "Try new hairstyles and see what's flattering to your face's shape. Overdone, stiff hairstyles will age you, while the right choice can slice at least 10 years off your image."

Maricris used to buy all her clothes in the United States, but now her dresses are made by Filipino designers. "We have a lot of great designers here. My favorites are Pepito Albert and Inno Sotto." She matches her get-up with Manolo Blahnik shoes paired with Prada bags. When it comes to accessories, she prefers Bulgari.

Her special day

On special occasions, be it birthdays or anniversaries, the family always gets together to celebrate. Maricris feels Mother's Day is her biggest day. "My husband sends me flowers as early as 6 a.m., and my sons and my grandchildren make their own special Mother's Day card for me."

She treasures everything they give to her, including those greeting cards made by Enrique and Andy through the years. Andy once wrote "I love you, Mom" on a piece of ceramic tile. "I keep them all," she says.

Maricris is proud to say her sons grew up confident and well-adjusted. She didn't take any job outside the home to be able to raise her sons well, a decision she doesn't regret to this day. For her, the best thing about staying home was seeing her kids grow, spending precious time with them and teaching them the right values she learned from her own parents.

Today, Mother's Day, Maricris looks forward to spending another momentous time with her family. "We'll have lunch at home and probably eat out for dinner." Just the thought that they remember her special day is enough to make her feel happy and look young—all the time.

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Mariter Jalandoni . . .

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and Melissa, 30, invariably monitor their elder brother's activities. "They love Andrei so much. And I'm glad they didn't have a difficult time adjusting to their brother's needs. As they were growing up, I often told them their brother may be different, but he's special," Mariter says.

Melissa even credits Andrei as "one of the factors that keep our family together." Through the years, the Macapagals have learned to look for what they could celebrate from tragedies rather than agonize over what they suffered. "Because despite the fact that we have a special child, we're not a dysfunctional family."

In spite of their being presidential grandchildren and now presidential niece and nephews, Mariter's children have been taught to "secure their own place in this world. They should accomplish things on their own."

Alex, who majored in Economics at the Ateneo and studied business at the Asian Institute of Management, now works at LandBank. Melissa graduated cum laude in psychology. She took her master's degree in social psychology from the Claremont Graduate School in California. She is now a lecturer at the Ateneo psychology department where she is also finishing her doctorate. She is married and has a 2-year-old daughter, Angela Nicole.

Woman of substance

A graduate of business administration from Maryknoll College and social change from Ateneo, Mariter was inspired to take up a masteral course in special education so she could put up Cupertino (where she's the executive director), a school for children with special needs like Andrei. It has become her therapy. Among her colleagues and students, she is able to refresh her spirit. "This is where I discovered myself. It was a painful but healing experience," says Mariter, who then pursued a doctoral degree in educational administration.

But nothing compares to having a closely-knit family. "Like my late idol Jackie Kennedy, I believe in the philosophy that no matter what you do, if you fail in raising well your children, all your other successes in life will amount to nothing."

Mariter proudly reports that she and Arthur are now doting grandparents to Angela Nicole. "With my own children, I was more strict maybe because I was spoiled by my parents. According to my husband, our job is to spoil our granddaughter because she has parents who'll discipline her. With Angela, I am reborn."

One who bears unflinchingly what heaven sends, it still occasionally breaks Mariter's heart when she thinks of the things Andrei will never do. But she remembers all the wonderful things he has done for the family and all the things he'll do in his own good time. And with courage and love, she can do just about anything.

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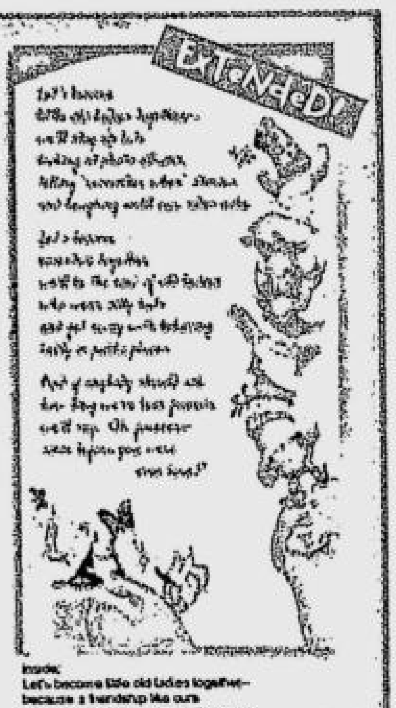

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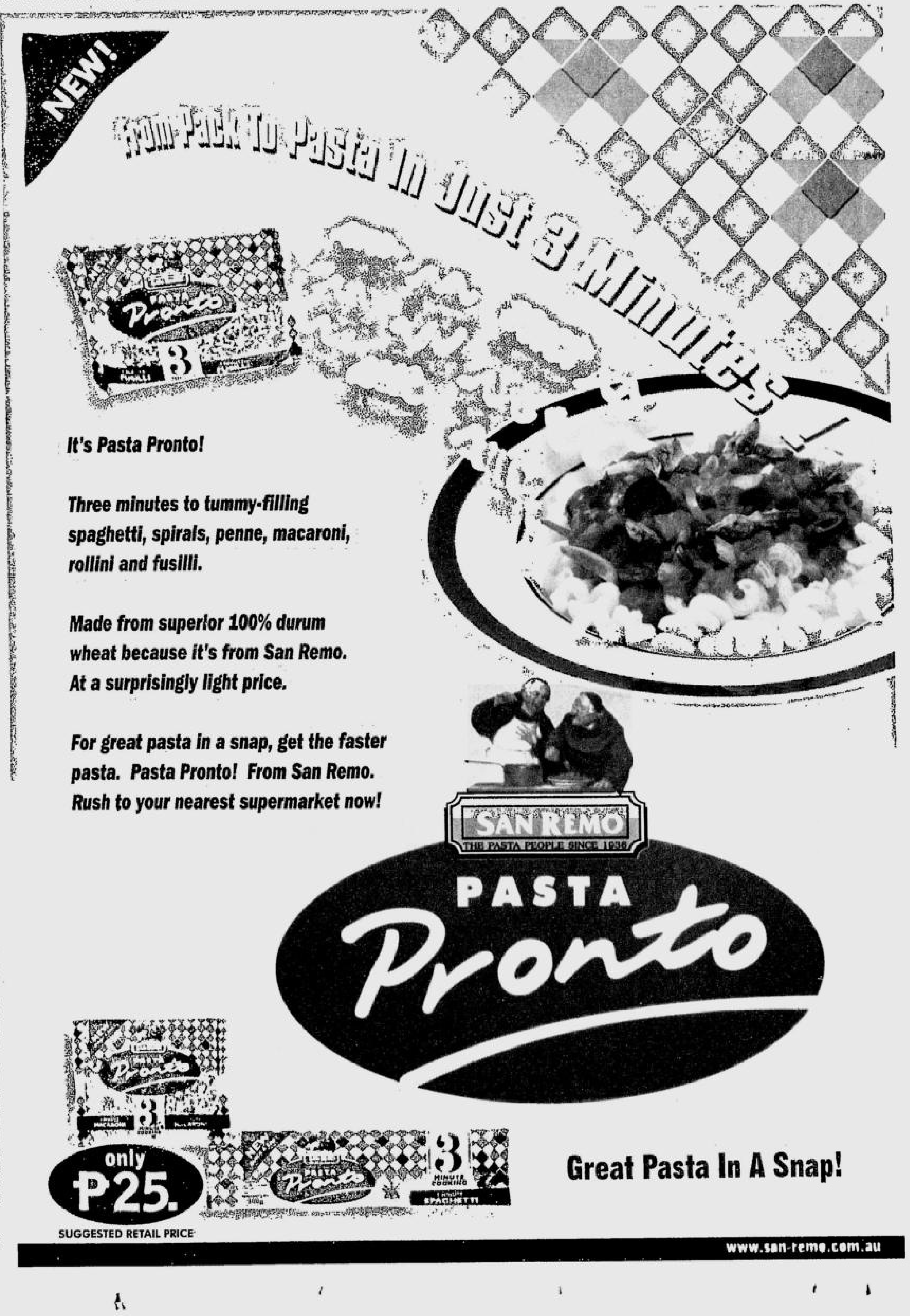

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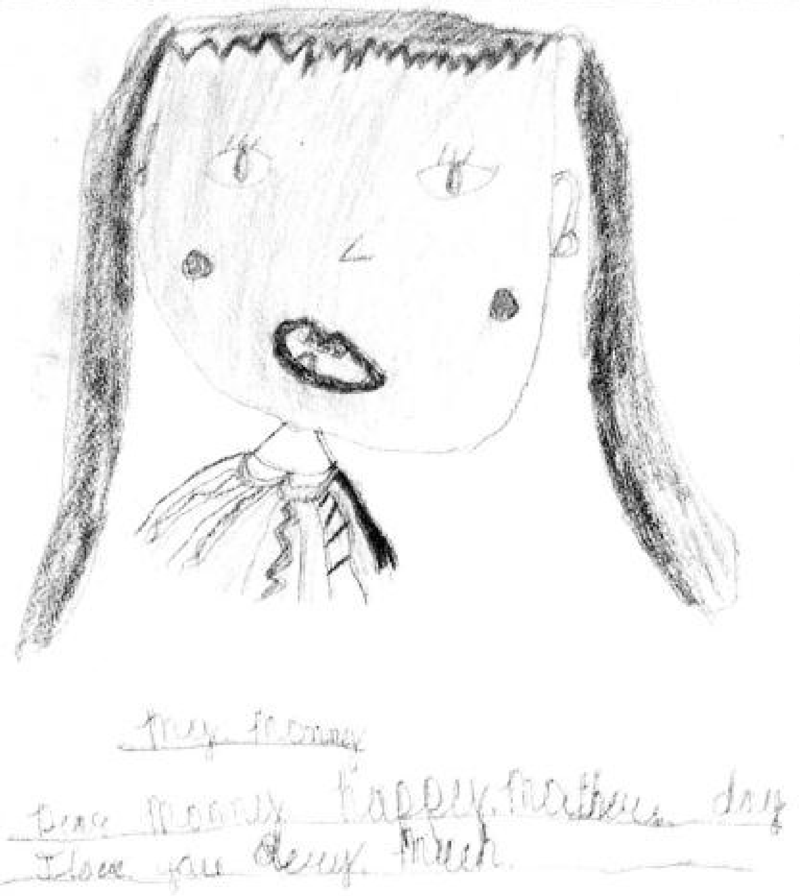
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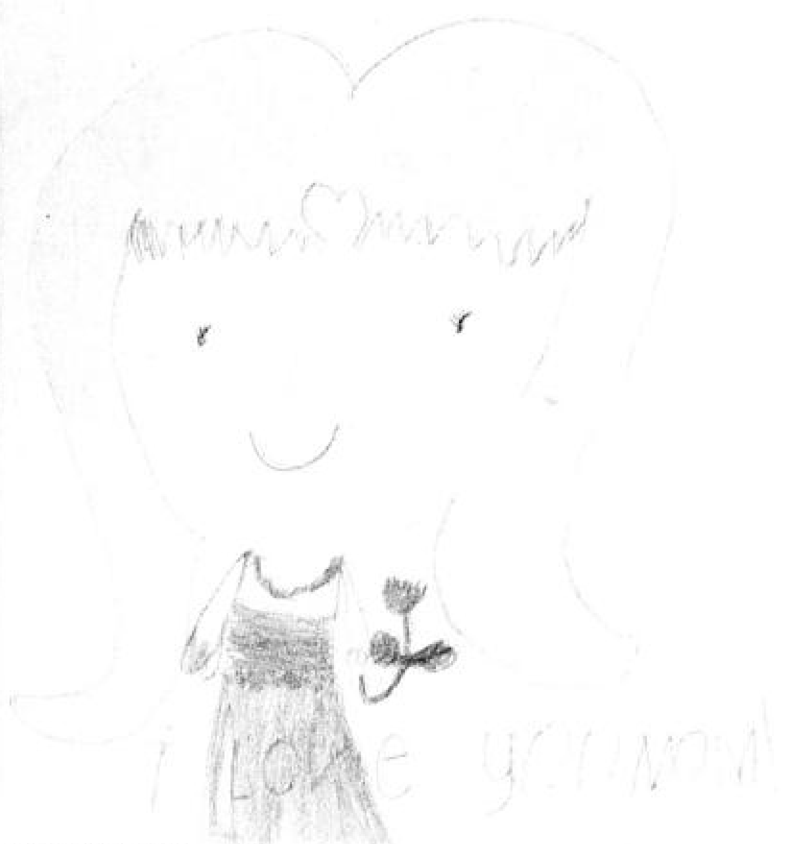

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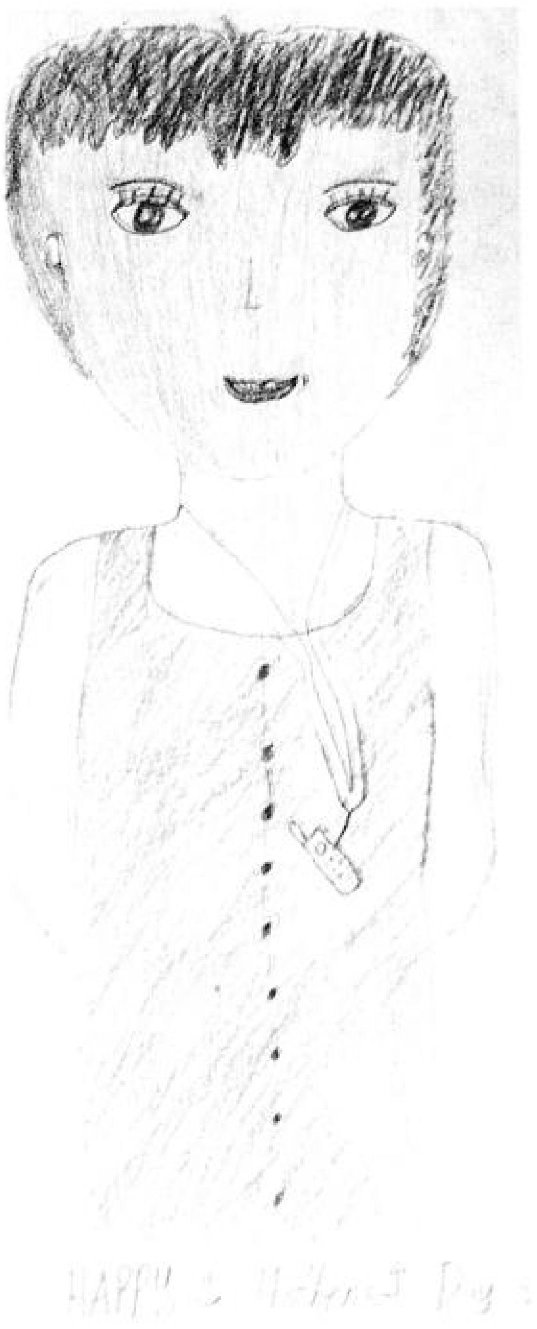

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KIDS raided the INQUIRER pantry the other Saturday and there weren't even any Disney or Pokemon characters around. Instead, they came for an art workshop, which was specially put together for children of INQUIRER employees by Faber-Castell.

The highly reputable company that produces clean-wax crayons, watercolor pencils, oil pastels and multicolored sketch pens, among other things, supplied the classy art materials for the kids. Faber-Castell also brought artist Fernando B. Sena no less to give tips on how to draw human faces and use color.

And who best to draw in the merry month of May than mother? Could they do it? Of course! Mommy remains to be one of children's favorite subjects. Once they learn how to draw human figures, Mom is their first model.

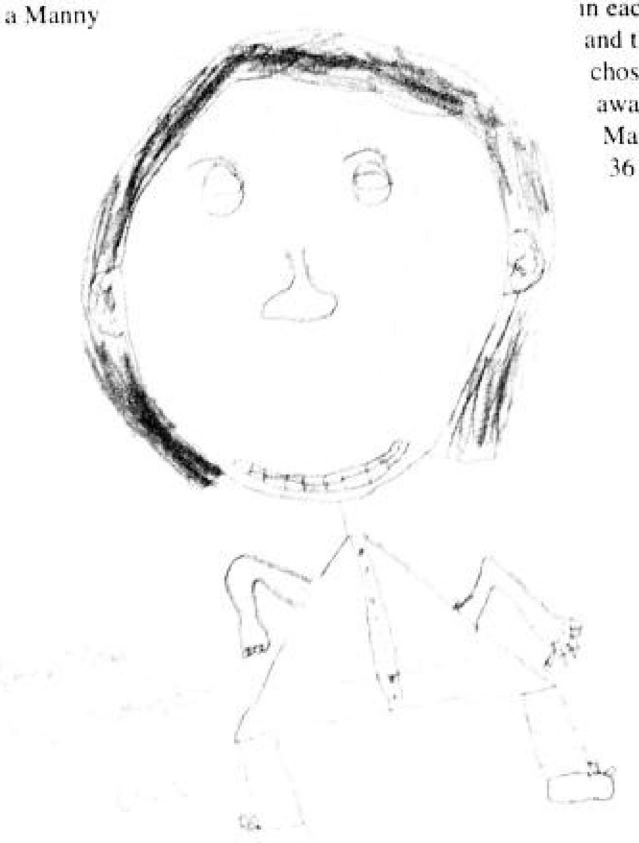
That afternoon, the children had fun but their proud moms, hopeful of someday having an Al Perez, a Manny Baldemor, a Jose Joya, an Araceli Dans, or a Fernando Sena in the family, got the biggest kick of all.

Faber-Castell is offering other art workshops for free to kids 7-11 years old. These will be held on May 15-16, 2-5 p.m., Activity Area, SM Centerpoint; May 19, 2-5 p.m., Metropolitan Museum of Manila, Roxas Boulevard, Manila; May 25, 2-5 p.m., Museo Pambata, Manila; June 1, 2-5 p.m., Ayala Museum, Makati; June 2, 9 a.m.-12 nn, Filipinas Heritage Library, Makati.

Well-known artists and art educators Fernando Sena, Deon Nacario and To Austria will be conducting the workshops.

Interested children will have to present their school ID at the designated venues of the workshop an hour before it starts. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Faber-Castell will provide drawing papers and other art materials as well as certificates of attendance.

A whole day exhibit follows in each mall for public viewing and three best works will be chosen as Faber-Castell awardees. Call Faber-Castell Marketing Department at 361-7391/7392/7395/96.



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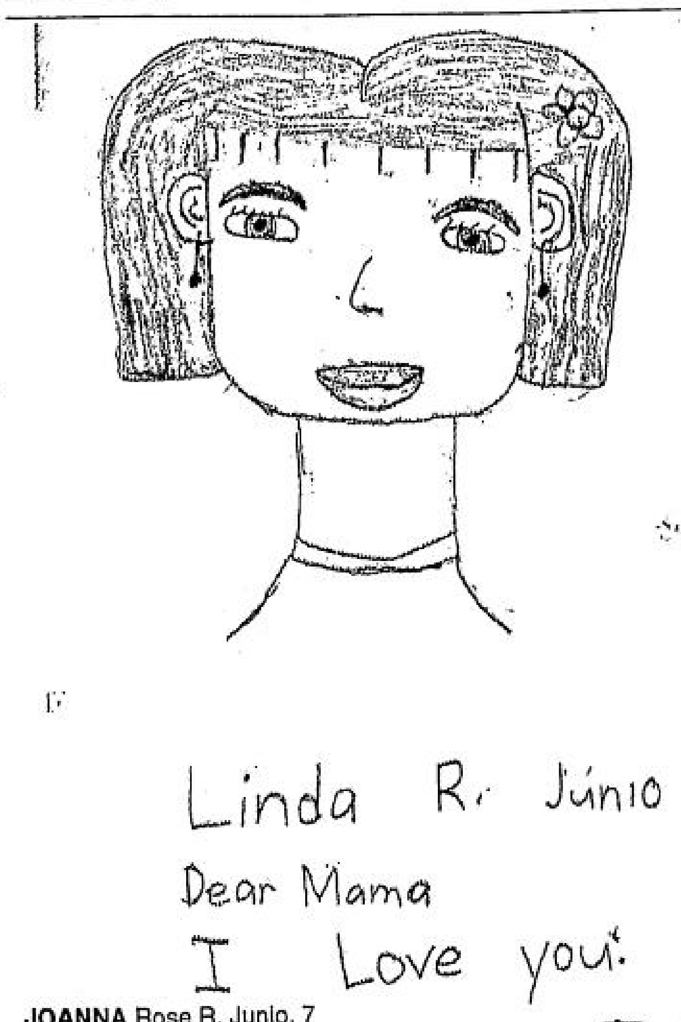
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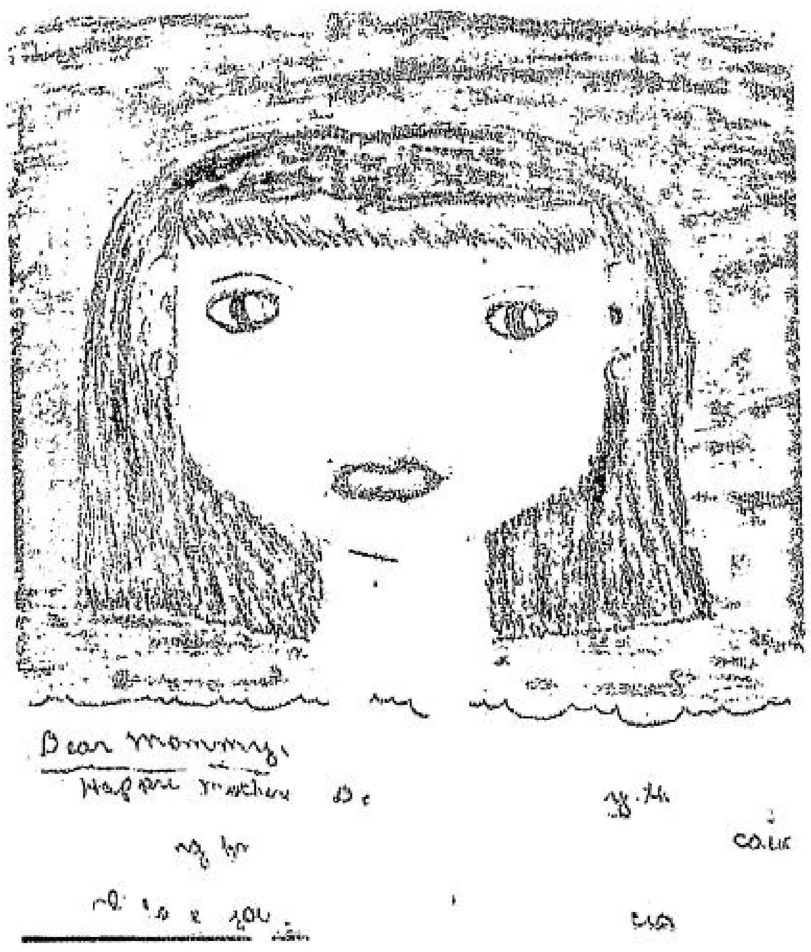

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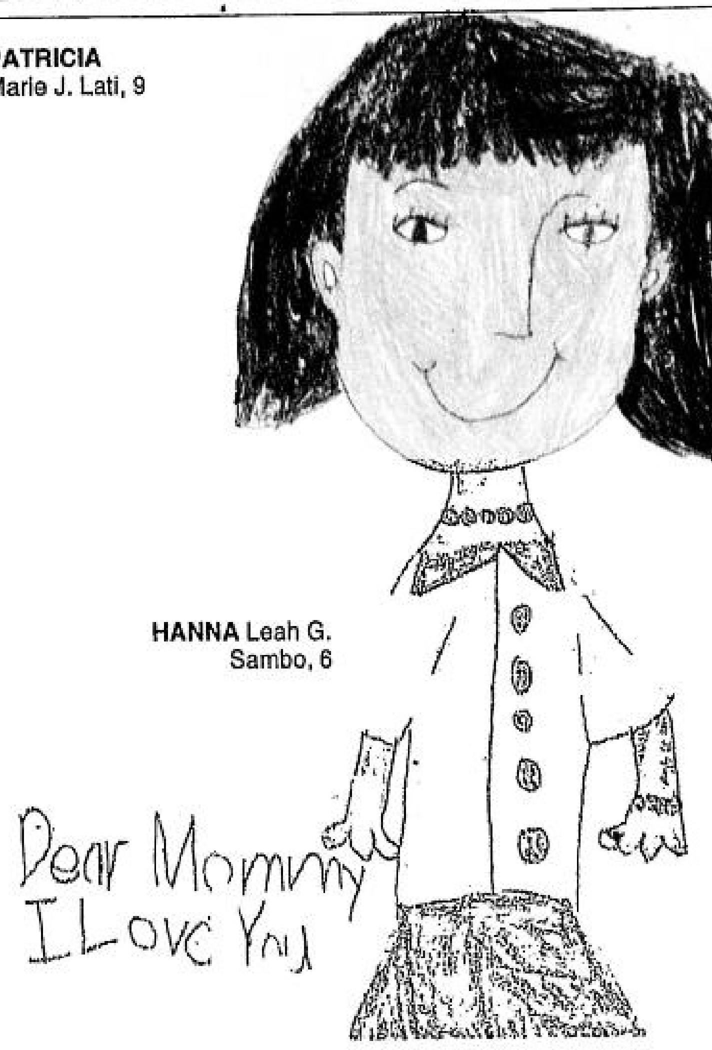
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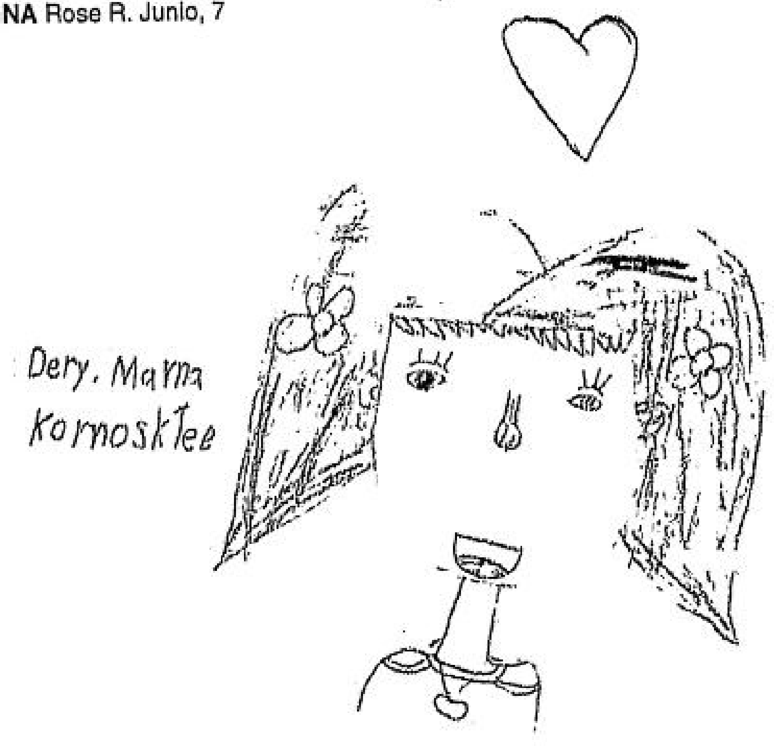
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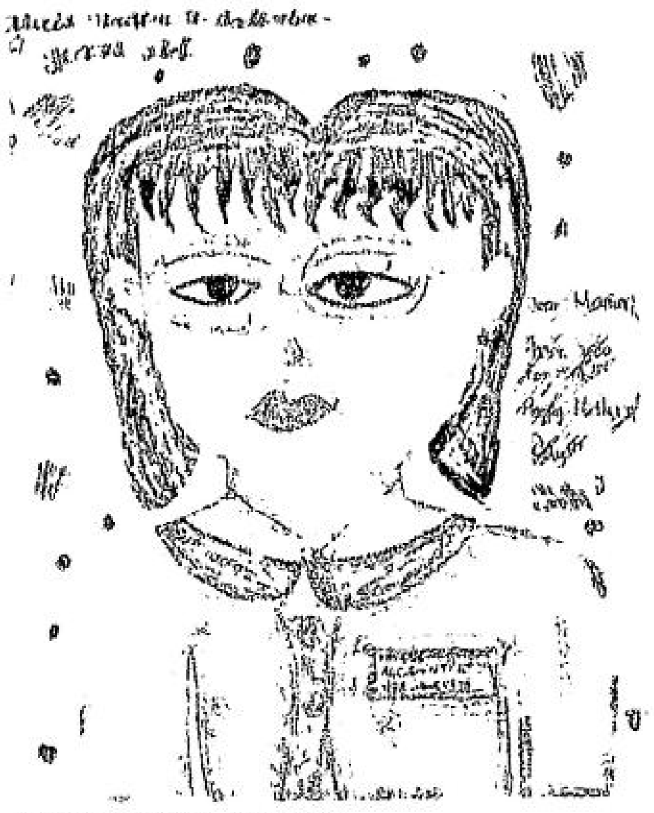

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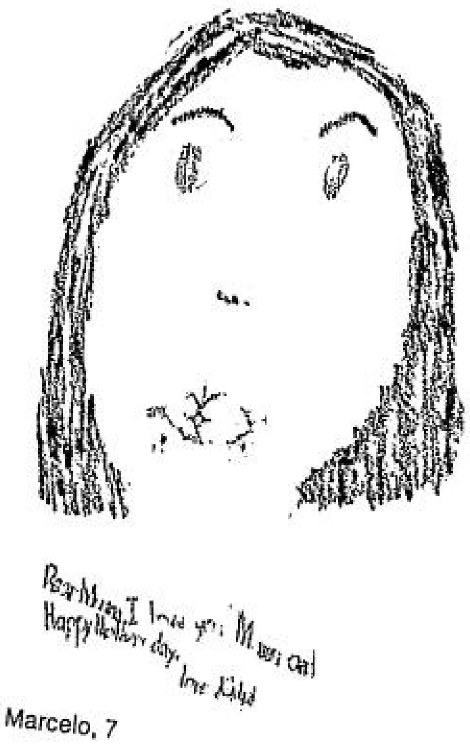
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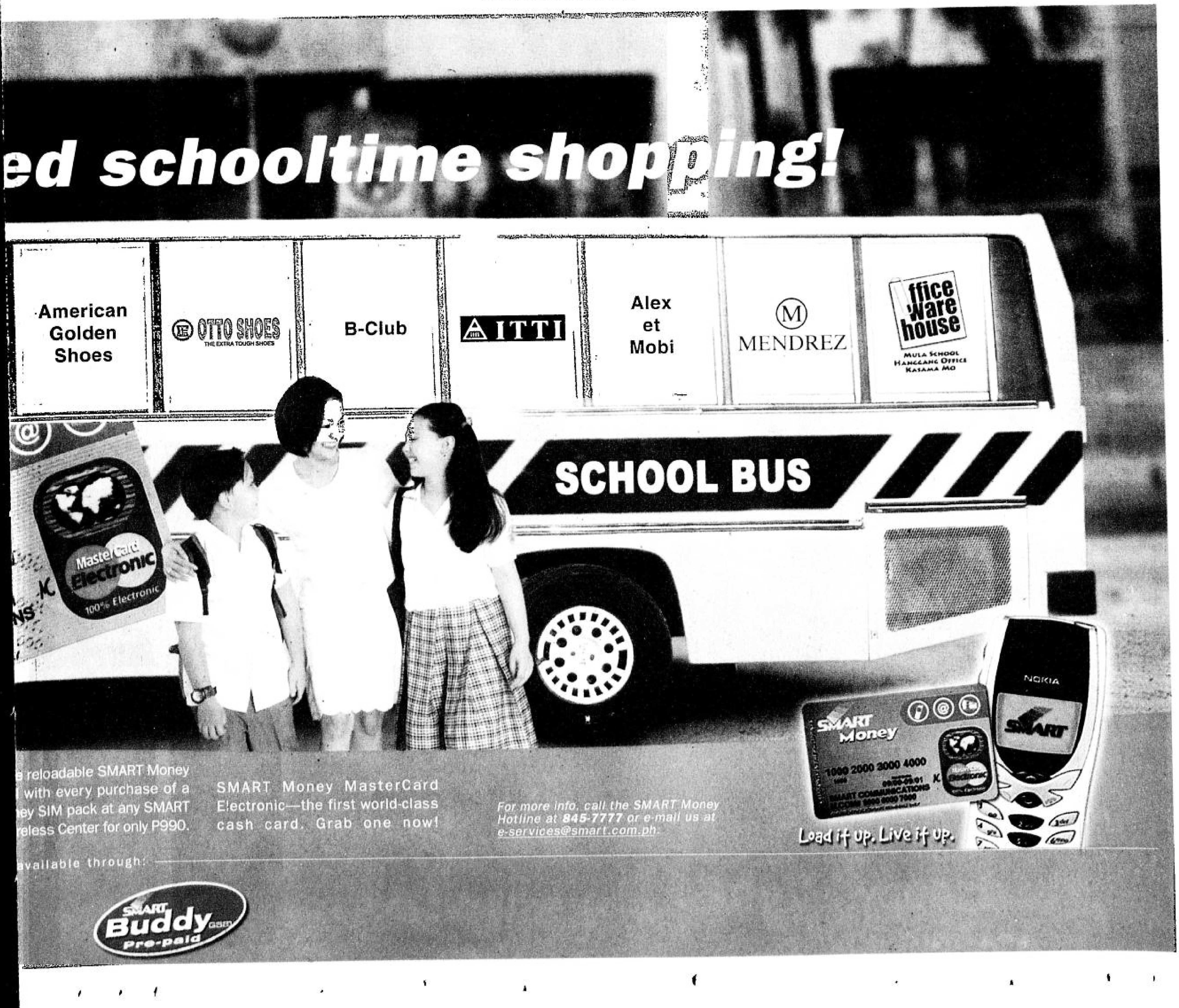
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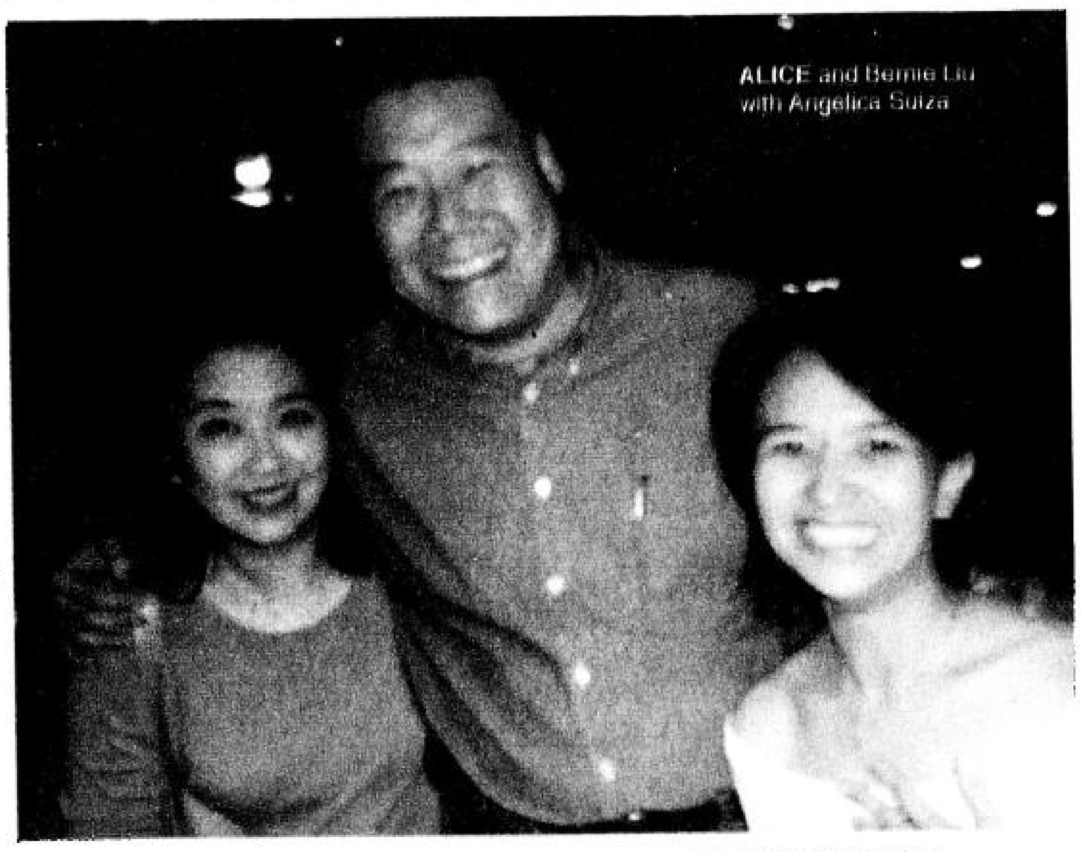

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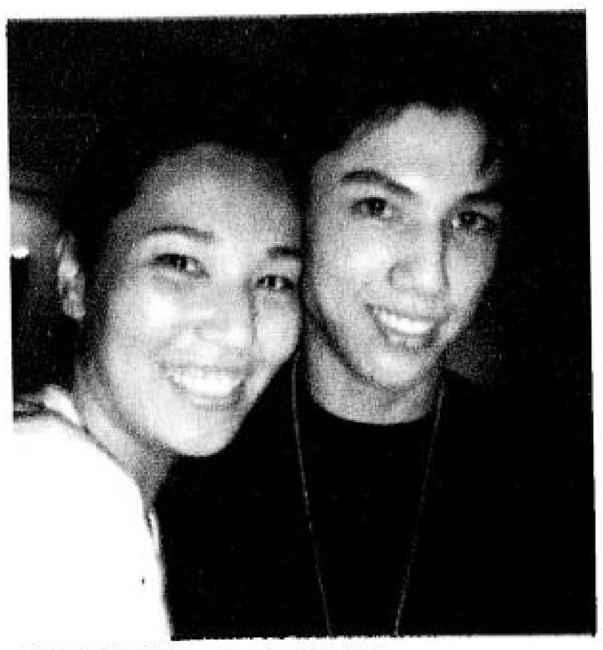

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JOEY Espino with Tony Tiu

Spring/summer look unveiled

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Raul Teehankee

FASHION Week, which featured the Spring/Summer 2001 collections, was a smashing success. Directed by **Joey Espino**, the various events held at the Glorietta were fast-paced, innovative and entertaining. We saw the Esprit, Oxygen and Penshoppe shows at the Activity area and Glorietta Park.

A standout was the statuesque and gorgeous **Sarah Meier**, who'll surely have a great career as MTV jockey and international model. **Derrick Hibaler** and **Bernie Quinto** were the best male models.

We're looking forward to Fashion 2002!

SUSAN Richardi

LAST year's Penshoppe billboard model, Terence Koa

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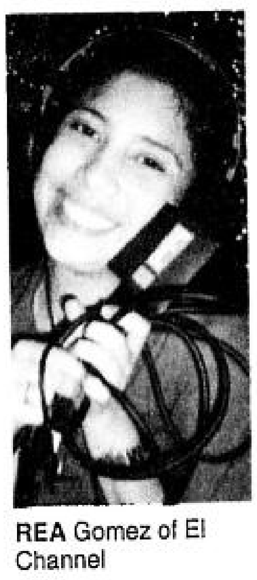

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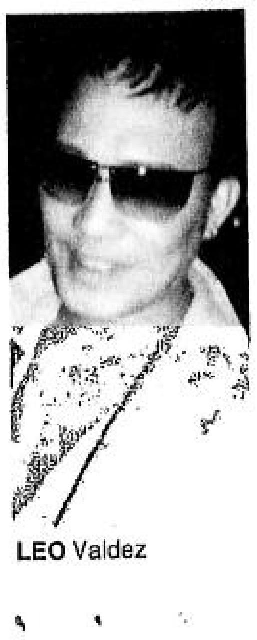

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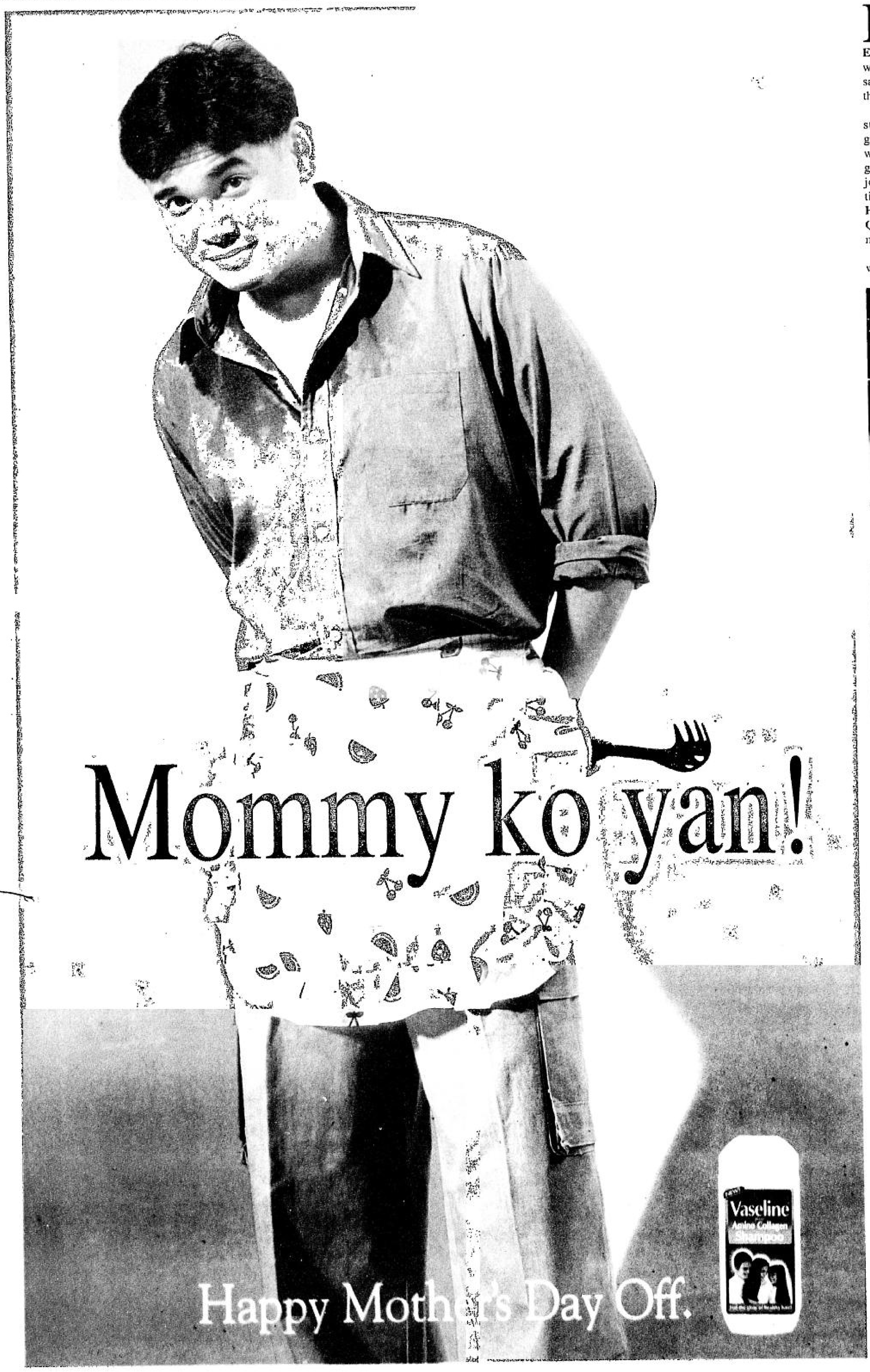

Her sister is unable to forgive her

LIVE AND LET LIVE

Tita Dulce

DEAR Tita Dulce,

I'm 25, the eldest of four children. My sister Zenia is 24. About two months ago, I accidentally spilled a cup of boiling water on her arm. I immediately gave her first aid while apologizing profusely. It left a mark just below her elbow. It was not debilitating, but she has always been very conscious about her looks.

Up to now she has not gotten over it even though everyone in the family has asked her to forgive me. I was recovering from a caesarian section delivery then. My baby and I were staying with her, our siblings and our parents. Since the accident, Zenia made it obvious to everyone she did not want me in the same house with her. To have peace in the house, my husband and I moved back to our own place.

My baby stays with them during weekdays, though, because my husband and I work and we can't depend on the *yaya* yet to be left alone with the baby all day. I thought of leaving the baby with my inlaws, but my mother cried and insisted that her first grandchild should stay with her. Zenia does not like it. Once, she threatened to leave the house herself. Mom pulled rank and put her foot down, so the arrangement stays. But it's an uneasy peace, *tita*.

I miss our happy relationship when I was still single. Zenia, another sister and I would go out every payday. We had our quarrels, too, of course. Zenia is a bit different from us, though. When she's angry with one of us, she would hide that person's things. She did that again only some months ago, and those things haven't been found up to now. We all did very well in school, but Zenia is probably the most intelligent among us, consistently getting honors.

I was better in the "looks" division, I guess, because I was often a *sagala* during *santacruzans*. I had lots of suitors, while she has not had any yet. (That probably accounts for the names which my brothers and sisters call each other when we quarrel. They would call Zenia "ugly" and she would call them "*bobo*".)

Our parents try to treat all four of us equally, although it often seemed like Mom and I were each other's favorite. When I began earning well (I have the best job of us four, modesty aside, although my husband earns more than I do), I asked my mother to retire. To compensate for that, I did not only send Mom special cards but I also saw to it I was the biggest and most prompt contributor for household expenses. I also found a job for our youngest. (Mom found Zenia her job. Zenia, despite her very good qualifications, did not seem confident enough to seek one herself. Mom said that since Zenia had become the principal breadwinner, she had been acting like the boss.)

***Tita*, it seems there's a big emptiness in me since my sister's accident. Sometimes I cry when I remember it. I want very much for us to be on good terms again, but I don't know what to do anymore.**

NOWIE

This does not look to me, *hija*, like a simple case of burned skin. It looks to me more like a case of sibling rivalry. Some might say that sibling rivalry is an inappropriate topic on Mother's Day. Why? Because the task of preventing sibling rivalry primarily rests with the mother as she has the traditional task of rearing the children.

On the other hand, the topic might not be totally improper. Problems, after all, do not observe holidays. Moreover, the topic does not necessary put the mother down. Everyone knows that no mother would wish disharmony among her children.

Yet despite much care on a mother's part to prevent it, discords still happen. Doesn't that show us how difficult—even impossible—a mother's task is? Doesn't that, then, make her deserve a special day to be recognized, if not for her success then at least for her efforts? For what is motherhood but an unending series of attempts at being a good one?

Consoling ourselves, we, mothers, often say we win some, and lose some. But confronted with situations like yours, we can't help feeling we've lost a lot more than we've won, and this saddens and hurts us more than it saddens and hurts our Nowies and our Zenias.

Zenia, of course, won't believe that now. She probably won't appreciate it until she's a mother herself, trying her best to share her love equally among her brood. (And realizing rather later that some need more and some need less, and then wondering which child is which, and by how much.).

Or Zenia might appreciate it when she's in her 40s or 50s when, with less guilt or regret, she could admit to herself that, yes, she was quite a child when she was in her 20s.

And, in some ways, maybe that's how we should approach Zenia now: Like a child or an early teen. It seems she did not quite enjoy those phases in her life, when you were the star and she was the ever-struggling runner-up.

I'm sure neither you nor your mother wanted it to be that way. But that's how it seemed to Zenia and, right now, it is her view that matters. Her view matters because she needs help more than you do.

Zenia is not a black sheep, but a sheep that is about to get very lost. If her sense of rivalry grows deep, Zenia could end up seeing every good coworker as a threat to her career. Or, when married, she might constantly suspect every young and pretty woman of trying to steal her husband. Or, she might see her children as competitors for her husband's attention.

I think she should be given a chance to shine by herself. She could not do that earlier because you were in the same house with her, and your mother (Zenia's sought-for audience) was often distracted by your glow. But if it was difficult for her to shine then, you've made it doubly difficult now. Why? Because you've brought a baby into the house. Do realize, my dear, how easily the first grandson or the first niece/nephew could get everyone in the house go googoo? (And even some family dogs go crazy over the new baby, too.) Now Zenia does not only have to compete against you but against your baby as well. From her point of view (and it is valid under the circumstances), that's unfair competition.

Zenia felt she hasn't had the chance to be appreciated in your home. So give her the chance. As difficult as it might be, minimize the baby's visit to your parents' or their visit to your place. Entrust the baby to a *yaya*. Take that risk. Almost every other new parent I know does. Reduce the risk by hiring highly recommended nursemaids or inviting a distant relative to oversee the maid while you are out.

Is Zenia calling for attention or being a KSP (*kulang sa pansin*)? Maybe so. But what's wrong with that? We all are KSP every once in a while. This is Zenia's time and she has a right to it.

You're a mom yourself now, my dear, and your child is yours, not your mom's, to raise. Let go of your mom. She is done raising you and she did well. She has other children still to tend to and, again, she must try to do well.

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Singing can make us holy

MUSTARD SEED

Joseph Galdon, S.J.

SINGING can be very good for us! According to psychologists, the songs we sing or listen to can make us very happy. Theologians also inform us that singing or listening to spiritual hymns can make us very holy. One theologian says: "The Lord will put a very spiritual song in your mouth!"

It is good for us to sing to the Lord in our life and in our prayers. The Lord says: "The sun and moon and stars sing My praise of creation and of love." Therefore, we should join our voices with the song of heaven, praise the Lord and sing with our spirit of holiness and our understanding of God. A good song is holiness and intelligence for us.

A new song

God's message in Psalm 96 is: "Sing a new song unto the Lord."

Let your song be sung from mountains high as you look up to heaven and the Lord. Sing a new song to the Lord, but always saying, "Thank you Lord." Yahweh's people also dance for joy of the Lord.

The Psalm also says, "Come before the Lord. Play for Him on glad instruments and let your trumpet sound to Him. Rise, oh sons and daughters of the Lord, from your sleep and your avoidance of holiness. Our Savior now has come after His resurrection from the dead. He has turned our sorrow into joy and filled our soul with a song of God. We will surely feel that our soul is glad for we have seen the glory of the Lord."

The sinners shall be saved for we know that our Savior lives after His death on the cross out of love for us. It's very true that God has a new song just for us!

Gift of love

A gift of holy and new song is a gift of love for God. It's good for us to sing the Psalms of the Bible and also all the spiritual hymns of our modern world. A hymn is from the Greek word that means "spiritual song." We have lots of good Psalms and also lots of good hymns about our love of God. Every generation and culture has written lots of good hymns about the Lord. They are songs of the testimony of God, adoration, celebration, truth of God, in praise of, love for and joy in Him. We should seek first the Kingdom of God and His holiness and all those things will be added unto us.

You are my refuge
and my strength,
and my holiness
in my life each day

There are many types of songs in our worship of God. There are also many melodies and styles of love of God in music. Clearly, they all seem to have been given to us by God and His disciples so we might express our holiness and the appreciation of the love of God and His love for us. It is very true that we were created to sing a new song to the Lord in worship.

In the New Testament, two of David's Apostles tell us to sing Psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. David says: "Let the word of Christ dwell in your singing with the grace of God in your heart and in your minds." A theologian also says: "The Lord will put a spiritual song in your mouth." Worship and songs are very important for us!

Let us pray

Since the songs can be very good, let us pray to the Lord as follows.

"I will sing forever of Your love, oh Lord. I will celebrate the wonder of Your name, for the word that You speak to us is a song of forgiveness and a song of gentle mercy and of peace for us in our lives.

"Let us wake in the morning, oh Lord, and be filled with Your love and sing songs of praise to You all day long. For Your love is as high as the heavens above us and Your faithfulness is as certain as the dawn for us all day long.

"I will sing forever of Your love, oh Lord, for You are my refuge and my strength and my holiness in my life each day. You fill the life and the world with Your Holy Spirit who speaks Your word to us now so we can sing to You."

It is very good to sing a new song to God, so let us pray that we will pray and sing all the time.

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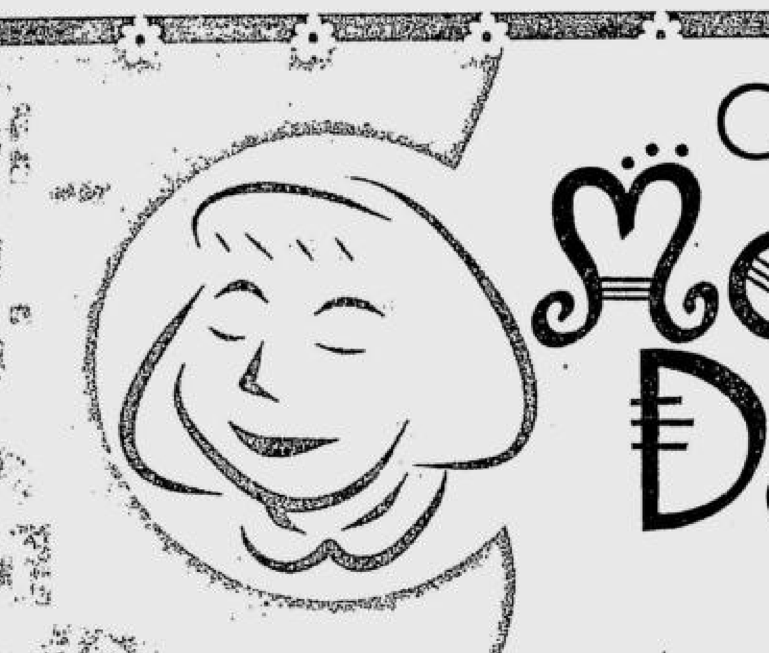

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Mariter Jalandoni Macapagal: Mother courage

By Rowena C. Burgos
Photos by Johnny Villena

IT was at one of those glitzy social events that Arthur Macapagal and Mariter Jalandoni Macapagal met. But it was through a scholarship foundation set up by the former that the two found themselves drawn to each other.

In Mariter's graceful beauty, complemented by a cool, seductive style, the older son of the late President Diosdado Macapagal found his match. And she stepped willingly into Camelot. "Sharing the same values is what brought us together," says Mariter.

Now in their late-50s, Arthur and Mariter remain devoted to each other. They have had a pretty remarkable life. Blessed with three children, the fascinating couple has been the driving force behind their offsprings' unparalleled achievements.

Despite the rough times their family has gone through, Mariter has maintained such uncommon grace and a stunning ability to look elegant even in a pair of jeans and sandals. In public, she is almost regal.

Being asthmatic, she is constantly on her toes and does not take her health for granted. She eats anything, but the moment she gains 5 pounds, she reduces her intake of food high in calories and cholesterol, exercises at home and runs around Valle Verde.

To maintain a flawless skin, Mariter says she just washes her face with very mild soap and water, applies moisturizer twice a day and puts on very little makeup.

But what's most admirable about this woman is the power, the almost heroic quality, of her love for her children.

Terrible blow

Arthur and Mariter were married on Dec. 12, 1965 in Malacañang with Fr. Jaime Bulatao as the officiating priest. After two years, Andrei was born, with two more following in the next four years.

At 4½ years, Andrei was diagnosed with infantile autism after a teacher complained of his "being hyperactive." Following the diagnosis, he attended preschool in the morning with regular kids and, in the afternoon, a one-on-one tutorial. But this didn't help him much.

So the couple went to a psychiatrist who emphatically told them, "Andrei is not normal. He can never be like you and me so you have to resign yourself to that." It was very difficult for the couple to accept, especially Mariter. She stubbornly refused to accept the doctors' pessimistic forecast of Andrei's future.

She thought of going abroad to seek medical help for their son. But the family's spiritual counselor and friend, Father Bulatao, advised against such a move. Instead, he recommended a psychiatrist who checked on Andrei's condition three times a day and gave him medication for his hyperactivity. Arthur and Mariter, on the other hand, undertook his basic education, teaching him the three R's until he showed progress. At 34, Andrei has become "semi-independent" and regularly attends a therapeutic program at Cupertino.

The terrible blow for the Macapagals barely altered the dynamics of their family. Alex, 32,

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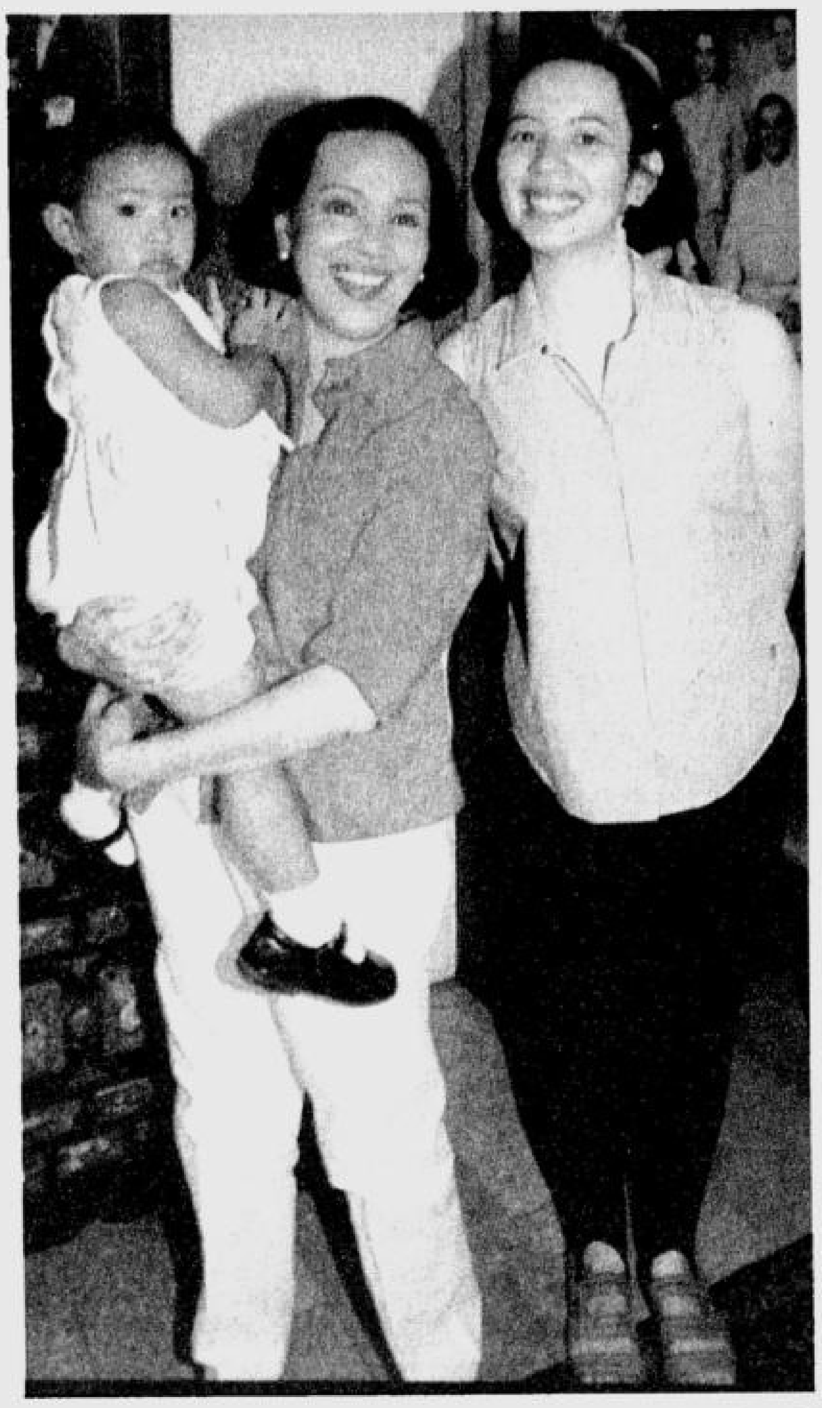
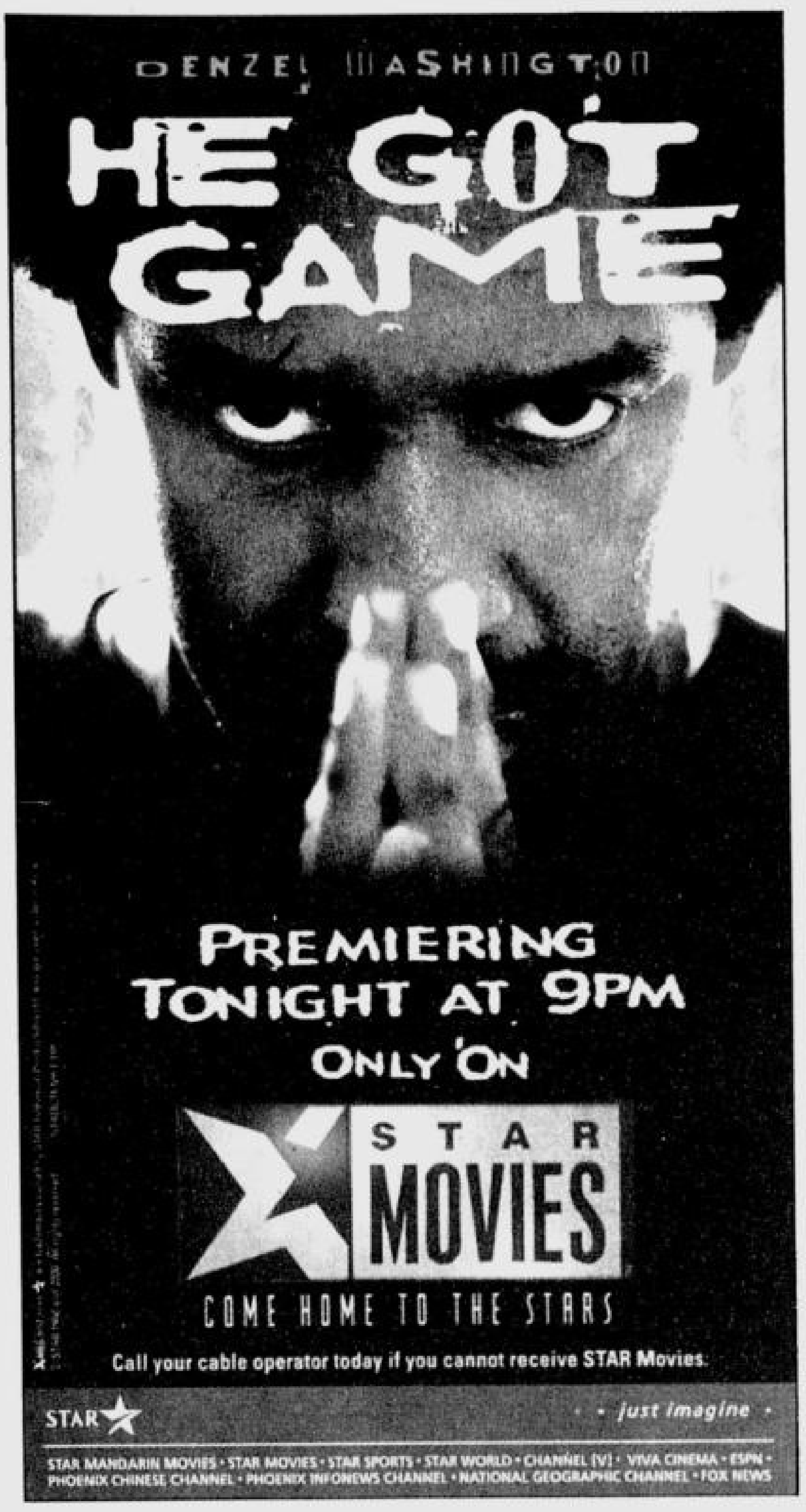


MARITER Macapagal with grandchild Angela Nicole and daughter Melissa

Her love for her children has an almost heroic quality to it



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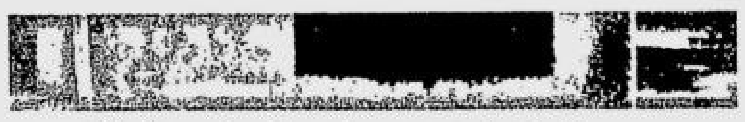

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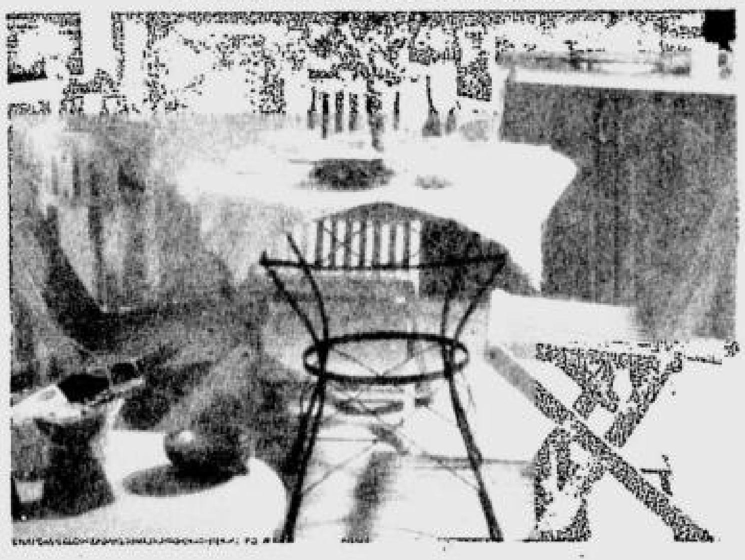

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LAURICE GUILLEN

In the Mother of all mothers, she trusts

PLAYTIME

By the staff

IT is refreshing to have someone from the world of make-believe talk without hesitation or theatrics about how she and her family have discovered a life of prayer and love.

Movie director Laurice Guillen was once told the movies she was making were ST (sex trip), referring obviously to such works as "Magkano ang Iyong Dangal?," "Ang Bukas Ay Akin" and even "Salome." Laurice offers no apologies for "Salome," which remains her favorite movie, nor for the other two films. But there are some parts of those films she wishes she could re-edit today. She would do so because she knows now that a film director needs only a certain number of frames to put an image across. But more than that, she will do it because her robust faith is not something she can sepa

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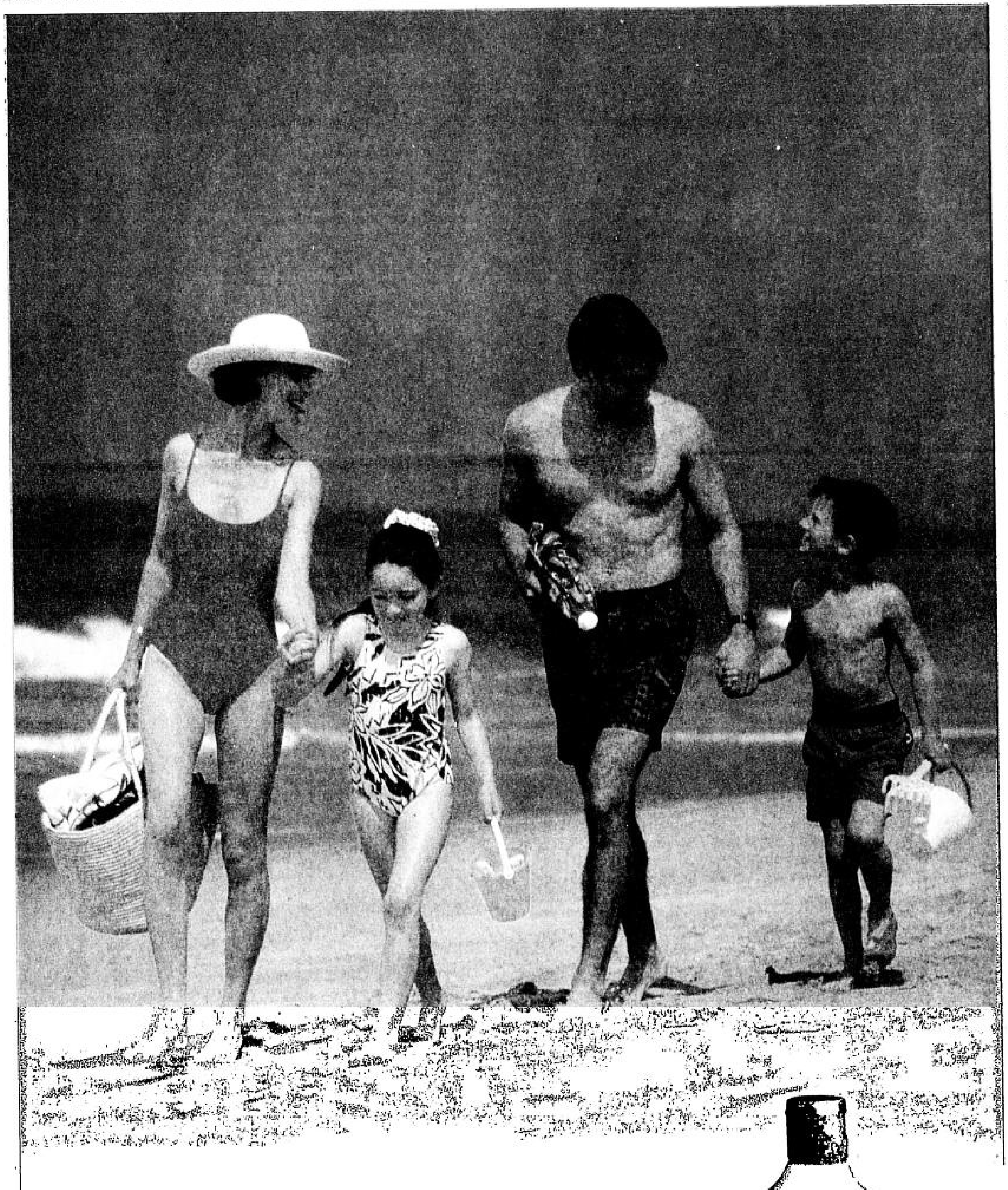

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rate and detach from the career she has chosen to return to after seven years spent in sacrifice and prayer.

Her devotion to Mary, Mother of God, is reflected in the multi-awarded "Tanging Yaman." She believes "faith alone is not enough, you must do good work." Judging by the awards and the ticket sales, "Tanging Yaman" is good, in every sense of the word. Her next movie, "American Adobo," is expected to keep the tradition although it is by no means a religious movie.

Would you say you've mellowed?

Yeah, of course, with age. (Laughs) I have more experience being a mother, being a wife, so I have more patience...

How old are your children?

I have two daughters. Ana is 19 and Irina is 15. Irina is in L.A. and she's into figure skating. She was on DECS Home-Study Program, she finished her high school, and since she's too young to go to college, she has one year free for her skating. She wants to be able to make it to the major competitions.

That's an expensive sport.

It is expensive but Filipinos are very good at it. The grace, balance, *magaling tayo diyan*. The only problem is that it's expensive. You have to leave the country to be able to train properly with the coaches...

Or you won't be able to compete with the Russians...

No way. *Pero* she has the same discipline, waking up very early, walking to the rink and skating two hours, and resting, then back again... *Ang* [idol] *niya si* Michelle Kwan. (Chuckles) Last November, we stayed out in the snow for an hour because Michelle Kwan was practicing by herself in the rink—*ayaw ng* father *niya na may ibang tao sa loob* while she's practicing. *Ganun ka*-fan *ang anak ko ni* Michelle Kwan. (Laughs) *Talagang* mesmerized *siya*. She has a picture with her; that's her prized possession.

***Buti pumayag si* Johnny...**

Sa amin naman, with our children, "Find what you want to do, but make sure that's what you want to do. You lead the way and we'll just support you the best way we can." *Yung mga anak ko naman, titingnan nila kung hanggang saan ang makakaya nila.*

How about the older girl?

She's in UP College of Music. She's studying voice and her teacher now is Fides Asencio. She's training in the classical... *pqng*-opera... As I said, *tingnan nila kung hanggang saan ang kaya nila*. When we were in New York, she was going to her grandaunt, *si* Marina Feleo Gonzelez, who lives in New York now. *Sinabi daw sa kanya, "Ilagay mo na sa isip mo na* you belong here." (Laughs) I said, "Well, go ahead and we'll see how we can support you."

How long were you away from show biz?

Actually, my last movie was released in 1994, "Sana Dalawa ang Puso Ko," *pero na*-shoot *ko yun* earlier. Our religious conversion began in 1993.

What brought that about?

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Did you feel that something was missing in your lives?

We felt there was *nothing* missing in our lives. Both of us were at the peak of our careers and, in fact, I was about to start a new movie. We were doing well financially... We didn't know until afterward that there were some things that we missed. There was no real peace, there were always the periodic moments of anxiety and tension and anger and hurt . . . We're both in the arts and the things that you experience are always magnified *kasi* you always have to deal with these things and express them.

We were also not married. We only got married in civil rites in 1992, a year before. We were together but we refused all those years *na ikahon yung buhay namin o yung aming* behavior because we always wanted to be free, to express ourselves, to find ourselves, to be ourselves in the most authentic way. *Matibay kami sa gan'un*. But you're battle-scarred. And it was after our religious conversion that we learned and understood why and how to handle it, where to put it into perspective, what is the meaning of it. It was after the conversion that the suffering became part of our day-to-day life. We welcomed the suffering and it was by doing that we found more joy, more peace, more anchor.

Who brought you to what group?

There was no group. It all started on that day... It happened to be [Johnny's] birthday and we happened to be in church, not because we went there intentionally. *Hindi kasi kami dati nagsisimba, hindi kami makapag*-communion *kasi hindi kami kasal*. We pray *pero nakakahiyang mag*-pray *dahil alam naman namin kung ano yung nakahadlang, pero* at the same time *pareho kaming* not in conformity about that.

It was a very strong stirring in him and in me, individually, because we were not seated together at the time . . . We didn't go to where we were planning to go that day. We were just, I remember, very quiet, reflective, stunned . . .

We wanted to go to Agoo [where there was reportedly an apparition] just as a pilgrimage, just a gesture to the Blessed Mother that we're listening. The invitation, the moment we said yes, we were handed to the Mother. It's just an inner thing that you understand without question. Who led us? I think she did.

Did you form a group?

We didn't form a group. It was one thing after another... within a month we got married. We were back in the Sacraments and praying the Rosary, going to Mass daily, all of these things... I mean, essentially, *kami pa rin* with our inadequacies, our defects, our personalities, all the same temptations and so on. But it's more of a consciousness, very real *ang* presence *ng Diyos*.

Did your family and friends find that weird?

To those who've gone through what we've gone through, it wasn't surprising. It's only people *na hindi pa nangyayari yan na ang akala eh* we joined a cult, we'd lost our mind...

So you were spreading God's word.

We were spreading the messages of the Blessed Mother, which were essentially prayers, the messages at Fatima.

Did you bring the kids?

Yes.

How did the kids react?

No, because *sabay kami, eh*. The four of us were in the church. The reason we were there was, *sabi ng mga bata, "Dumaan muna tayo sa* Christ the King Seminary store." The older one, who was Grade 5 at the time, *gusto niyang ibili ng* rosary *ang* daddy *niya* as a birthday present. The younger one, who was in Grade 2, wanted to buy her dad a scapular. At the time he didn't know how to pray the Rosary, and *yung* scapular *parang ang baduy 'nun*. Imagine, *hindi lang dahil siya artista kundi yung* macho, *kontrabida siya sa pelikula, manggagahasa siya, tapos gagamit siya ng* scapular. (Laughter) *Pero siyempre yung* image *niya sa mga anak niya, para bang, "Kahit na gan'un ang* daddy *ko sa mga* roles *niya, mabait na tatay yun."* So we went there, *eh sarado. Sasakay na sana kami nung may kumalembang. Yun pala magmimisa kasi* Sunday; we didn't even know.

And they stopped schooling because they wanted to be with us, *kung saan kami pupunta*. That's what some relatives, especially on his side, and colleagues [question], *bakit pa namin isinali yung mga bata sa kalokohan namin*. Because, you know, when it happens to you, nothing else is important.

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Personally, everything I thought I had achieved up to that point was worth nothing. It was no big deal *sa akin na talikuran lahat*. The first thing I did was to return the down payment for the film I was supposed to do.

How did you survive financially?

First we sold things... *May* Pajero *ako, si* Johnny *may* Patrol, *may kotse, may* pickup, *may* truck... *kung anu-ano... Isa-isa yun na binenta namin*, the excesses. At first *kung nagpupunta kami sa mga probinsya, nag-e-eroplano, nagho*-hotel, until we learned to just go by boat and live in convents. *Iisponsoran ka n'ung nag-imbita sa iyo d'un, titira ka sa bahay nila*. But we usually stayed in convents because we also talked with the nuns and priests...

The movement that we joined was not a formal organization, it's just a spirit, you know. It was the Marian Movement of Priests, whose spirituality is composed of the consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, which is what she asked in Fatima, and the unity of the Church. So we pray to the Father because He's the symbol of unity, along with the bishops and priests. So when the Cardinal says, "This is the morality of something," I cannot divide myself from the Church because that is the spirit I am living. The third is, we pray in cenacle. We reflect on the messages of the Blessed Mother.

Everywhere we go, first we get permission from the bishop. We go to that diocese. We pray with the priests, the nuns, the lay, making them realize that we are all part of one Church.

Have you heard nasty things said about you by colleagues *na parang hindi bilib*?

I haven't heard of nasty things from my colleagues. If there are, I don't know... Even *bago kami mag*-conversion, *ang dami nang nag-iimbita sa amin na sumali sa* Oasis, Born-Again Christian... *Kami lang yung mga* holdouts, *eh. Ayaw namin ng mga ganyan. Ayaw na ayaw namin noon*. (Chuckles) *Kaya yung* call *sa amin na* essentially *yung* Blessed Mother *ang nag*-lead *ng* way for us, *tamang-tama sa amin*. Because the Blessed Mother is... silence and hiddenness. She's always just reflecting, absorbing, taking to heart... She was the most faithful disciple of Jesus... *Nag*-suit *sa amin* because the best way to evangelize is to live it, *maski hindi na magsalita, isabuhay mo*.

Do you always agree with what Cardinal Sin says?

Yes, in matters pertaining to faith and doctrine. If he says, "*Mas masarap ang adobo kaysa ano*," *hindi ako makikinig d'yan*. (Laughter) If he says, "This is morally wrong and this is morally right," I'll listen to him because he's in unity with John Paul II. If he starts talking differently from John Paul II, then I would maybe stop listening to him. But he hasn't.

What about his attempts to influence the political life in the country?

He only says [something] when there is something predominantly wrong, I mean morally as per faith and doctrine. But when you say in matters of governance, it's up to the lawmakers, the President and Congress to decide... The Church has to do with beliefs and way of life, so *magsasalita siya* to his flock and he will say, "It is wrong," but it's up to you. Even as an institution, the Church does lobby against legislation for matters like the death penalty, abortion, divorce. *Nagsasalita siya sa pulpito kasi* matters of morals. *Pero* he will not say, "Vote for so and so" like the Iglesia ni Cristo ... that's political. It has nothing to do with faith and morals.

What can you say about the throng that went to the so-called "Edsa 3"?

As part of the Church, everyone is one's brother because the Blessed Mother is the Mother of all, *kasi* Jesus died for all. *Sabihin na nating yung iba d'un bayaran, pero merong ibang nagpunta* that felt strongly about something. Some of them felt strongly about it but they had no means to go there so they accepted money. Nevertheless, there was passion, there was reason to be there. But since *walang* prayer, it was not characterized by prayer, which is the window between you and God, who is able to stick to you... You're essentially going by your own beliefs and judgment, very human. It was sad but I was praying for everyone... *Yun ang* Marian movement, you pray, you offer sacrifice. *Yun ang sa* "Tanging Yaman," *eh*. The mother sacrifices... Instead of praying, "*Huwag mo akong bigyan ng sakit na ito*." What does she do? "It's all up to You. Take it if You want it, as a sacrifice." I was afraid because there was no prayer. It could easily be manipulated. When I mean prayer, *yun bang tipong* "Thy will be done."

I called up Father Soc [Villegas] before just to ask *kung kamusta na siya. Sabi niya*, "Our schedule of Masses are still going on as usual but it's kind of hard to say Mass, to hear the liturgy because of the noise."

If they had asked for Masses, there would have been Masses said. It's not that people were excluded from the shrine. It's just that they didn't go there for prayer. In Edsa II, whenever I would go, I would go first and attend the Mass, and there were many people there during the Mass, and there would even be a bigger Mass every day at 6 o'clock. Whatever speeches—*Katoliko o ano*—would stop for the Liturgy. *Importante ang* prayer especially if you have a crowd that big. I believe in the spiritual warfare, the good against evil. Evil forces are more astute than all of us put together.

Why did you go back to the movies?

Yung messages *ng* Blessed Mother to Father Gobi... Father Gobi is this priest who received messages through internal locution when he was praying in Fatima in 1972 and the Blessed Mother asked him to form a movement of priests *na ganun nga ang* spirituality *tulad ng nabanggit ko. Nag*-stop *yung* messages *niya* after Dec. 31, 1997. *Kasi ang* Blessed Mother she will form you according to the Immaculate Heart, in hiddenness, in silence. In this particular message she said, "The time has come for you to come out of this hiddenness." *Yung* messages through Father Gobi are for all her children. I took that as a sign for me to come out of my hidden-ness, to come out of the desert. *Pupunta na ako uli d'un sa kung saan Niya ako inilagay*, to be a witness to what God has done for me. *Hindi naman ako babalik sa* show biz *para mag*-sermon. *Ibig sabihin, basta bumalik ako, bahala na Siyang mag-ayos kung ano ang mangyayari sa akin.*

After reading the prayer, I thought, "What are You telling me now ? That I should go back as director? *Ang laki na ng sakripisyo ko, iniwan ko na 'yan tapos pababalikin Mo ako*."

In 1998, *kapag nag-iikot kami*, like in Mindanao, *ang lalaki ng mga* billboard. *Hindi na ako gaanong nanonood ng sine o* TV. *Yung mga* billboard *ng pelikulang Pilipino . . . puro* bold *at ang mga* title are very suggestive. *Saka yung mga pangalan ng mga direktor, alam mong mga* pseudonym *talaga*.

Naisip ko, naku, mamamatay ang pelikulang Pilipino kung puro ganito! (Chuckles) *Yung* audience *mo d'un na lang. Saka 'pag nagsisimba ako, ang haba-haba ng pila ng mga nagkokomunyon. Naisip ko, dito yung pila. Ano naman ang pelikulang panonoorin nitong mga nagkokomunyon? Kalimutan na natin kung* they're in the state of grace. The fact that they're lining up for communion, they're aspiring, they're looking for answers. *Ibig sabihin naniniwala sa Diyos ang mga ito, humihingi ng tulong sa Diyos*. If those are the aspirations of your heart, what movie would help you? *Naisip ko*, I'll do a story about the ordinary Filipino family because the family is the domestic Church, and *pamilya rin ang poste ng* society, which is being broken up. I prayed over it for months. What really clinched it was, Father Reuter called me, "Do you have time in February to go to New Delhi to attend a symposium on family values in film?" I said yes and I went there. I brought "Ipagpatawad Mo," it had no subtitles. The audience was mostly priests and nuns. This was a worldwide organization. I went up the stage and they asked me questions, and I told them that I have left show business. They said I must go back. Privately, *sinabi sa akin ng* chairman, who was a priest, "If you came here looking for affirmation, you have it." I understood. So the impact of "Tanging Yaman" is an affirmation. It's her [the Blessed Virgin]; I could not have done it.

Itong si Kris Aquino, for about a year *na, tawag ng tawag na mag*-guest *kami sa* show *niya*. Finally, one time she called again. *Kami ni* Johnny, we decided, *sige. Sinabi naman*, be a witness; she wants us to share what we have been doing the past seven years. *Puwede na kaming magsalita. Pagdating namin doon*, ang topic *ng* show, "Back in business..." Kris asked me, "If you were to do a movie now, what movie would you do?"

I said, "I'd do a family picture."

Do you think you were set up?

No *naman*. If I were set up, it was the Blessed Mother who set me up.

You're Kris Aquino's gift to show business.

(Laughs) *Sabi nga niya, eh. Siya ang* responsible... When Kris' show was aired, *hindi pa tapos yung* show, *tumawag na si* Malou [Santos of Star Cinema] *sa amin*. Within three hours we were having a meeting already. I told them the storyline... *pala* they were also looking for a family movie. I gave them the script after a week, I got their feedback...

The central figure in the movie is the mother, which is very Filipino.

I felt, too, that it's the mother who gives birth and nurtures and nurses a child to manhood. When you give birth, you're also in the throes of death yourself. It is not difficult for a mother to give up her own self so that the son may live.

Will you make a movie about the Blessed Mother?

I have no plans.

You talked about prayer and sacrifice. How do you do that in daily life as a mother?

Every day, I entrust myself to her, so everything I do, my children, my husband when they're not there... Like when my daughter texts me and says, "Pray for me. I'm going to do my double axle..." I just say, "Mama Mary, *ikaw na ang bahala sa anak ko*." I entrust, *kasi* every time I entrust, I'm surrendering my will and letting God, letting the Blessed Mother do it for Him. Even coming here, I was driving I said, Hail Mary, make it an occasion for grace so that I don't offend you... The one being in control here is not me. Once I've done it I relax. It's not to say I don't make mistakes. (Laughs)

Do you still have fights with Johnny?

We still have disagreements. *Ako hindi nagtatampo, hindi nagagalit...*

But *minsan nainis ako* when he gets worked up about what I feel is nothing. *Pero* I have learned to keep silent *kasi* sometimes the more you explain, the more you get ensnared into a fight. I just pray *na sana maayos ito*. It doesn't last long. Even he says *na hindi na ako katulad ng dati na*, "No, let's discuss this!" (Laughs)

Don't you have problems with the children now that they're teenagers?

There are times when I feel some anxiety because my daughter drives... Once you have your own car, you're free. I entrust her also. *Buti nga may* text *na ngayon*. I just tell her, "When you go to a place, let me know..."

They're now back in school...

Yeah. They stopped schooling for three years, and on the third year, we stopped going around on a regular basis. *Pina*-take *namin sila ng* placement test *ng* DECS. *Yung* younger daughter *ko* who fin-

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Kailan ka huling tumawa ng masarap?

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Women get honored for skillfully juggling many complex roles

MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS. Honorees Sharon Cuneta with daughter KC Concepcion, and Laurice Guillen with daughter Ana Feleo. That's Anna Lee, associate director of Hallmark Channel, on the left.

WOMEN, with the complex roles they play from day to day, have inspired some of the most endearing stories in every generation. The colorful lives they lead provide a wellspring of material for authors and filmmakers.

Such cinematic gems as "Joy Luck Club," "The Color Purple," "How to Make an American Quilt," "The Good Mother," "Steel Magnolia," and our own "Ina Ka ng Anak Mo," "Insiang," "Madrasta," "Tanging Yaman" are all about women and their myriad roles.

Hallmark Channel, the cable network renowned worldwide for quality productions including films about women, acknowledges the role of women as a source of inspiration for the entertainment industry in a weeklong celebration of womanhood.

Twin events, which underscored women's role in the home and the workplace, were held May 7 at the Ayala Museum, Greenbelt Park, Makati City. One was the launch of Women's Week, a festival of programs honoring women all over the world, which aired every night last week. The festival culminates in the world premiere tonight of "Jackie, Ethel, Joan: The Women of Camelot," a movie about the Kennedy wives.

The other event paid tribute to two outstanding Filipino women in entertainment, singer-actress Sharon Cuneta and actress-director Laurice Guillen. Hallmark singled them out for their compelling portrayal and presentation of women on TV/film while playing their own roles in their private lives as wife, mother, daughter.

MEGASTAR Sharon Cuneta receives her plaque from Hallmark's Anna Lee.

"Sharon and Laurice created flourishing careers in mass media... and also embody the values of life and family that we at Hallmark Channel also hold dear," said Anna Lee, the network's associate director for marketing and communications for Asia-Pacific, who flew in from Singapore to present the trophies.

Lee explained that besides providing quality entertainment, Hallmark also sought to connect with its viewers, through "the highs and lows, the breadths and the depths" of life that everyone goes through. In May, the month when Mother's Day is celebrated, Hallmark chose to focus on women's life experiences of women.

Lee acknowledged Joy Buensalido, publisher of the coffee-table book "100 Women of the Philippines," who, she said, "aided us greatly in making known to us the many noteworthy Filipino women from whom we have selected today's honorees."

The tribute to Cuneta and Guillen, who were both present for the occasion, was attended by women journalists, entrepreneurs, company executives, and heads of civic organizations. Cuneta used the occasion to preview her new music video, "Nothing I Want More."

Two prominent women from the lifestyle/entertainment media introduced the honorees and read the citations—Crispina Belen, entertainment editor and columnist of the Manila Bulletin, for the megastar; and Emmie G. Velarde, editor in chief of Lifestyle Asia and former newspaper entertainment editor, for Guillen.

Belen recalled how Cuneta first won music fans' hearts as a 12-year-old "asking" Mr. DJ if she could make a request and, later on, "closing" her letter with "PS I Love You."

Cuneta's citation read: "For bringing immeasurable delight into our lives, making our lives sunnier, our troubles more easily forgotten with her memorable songs and films; but more importantly, for having borne courageously through one of the most daunting responsibilities ever to be faced by a young woman—that of successful motherhood—and for showing women how one can find fulfillment and bliss, after all, by living, giving and working from the heart."

On her part, Velarde confessed that being a movie fan, especially of the distinguished director's, she did not have to be invited to be presenter. She volunteered for the job. Guillen, according to Velarde, "has stood guard over the representation of women in the media" as actress and director on stage, TV and film.

The citation for Guillen read: "For imprinting the indelible mark of a woman's fierce talent into the male-dominated profession of directing films; for carrying off the demanding roles of actress, wife, director and mother with aplomb; for ennobling her exceptional success by choosing instead to focus fervently on her devotion to the Blessed Mother; for being an artist not only of great ability but more outstandingly, of ardent faith."

A video presentation before the awarding showed a sampling of the honorees' works.

In accepting the award, Cuneta returned the compliment by making a parallel between Hallmark Channel's programming and her own life. Both, she said, revolved around the pick-me-up-when-I'm-down theme.

Success, she said, comes with huge responsibilities. "It is about being worthy of my audience's respect not only for my work but also for the way I have lived my life, the many ways I have stumbled but focused on no other option besides picking myself up and learning from my mistakes."

She said she hoped to have inspired women and shown them that it was possible to have a successful career and happy home life.

Guillen said the Hallmark tribute was a fitting postscript to the accolades she reaped for "Tanging Yaman," the film that brought her back to filmmaking after nearly a decade. It took awhile for her to take her the director's chair again, she revealed, because she wondered if the move would not diminish the gains she had made in her renewed spiritual life.

But she could not turn her back on her calling. Guided by her faith, as Velarde noted, Guillen felt even more compelled to continue making movies and telling stories truthfully—especially stories about women.

NATIONAL treasure Laurice Guillen gets her turn.

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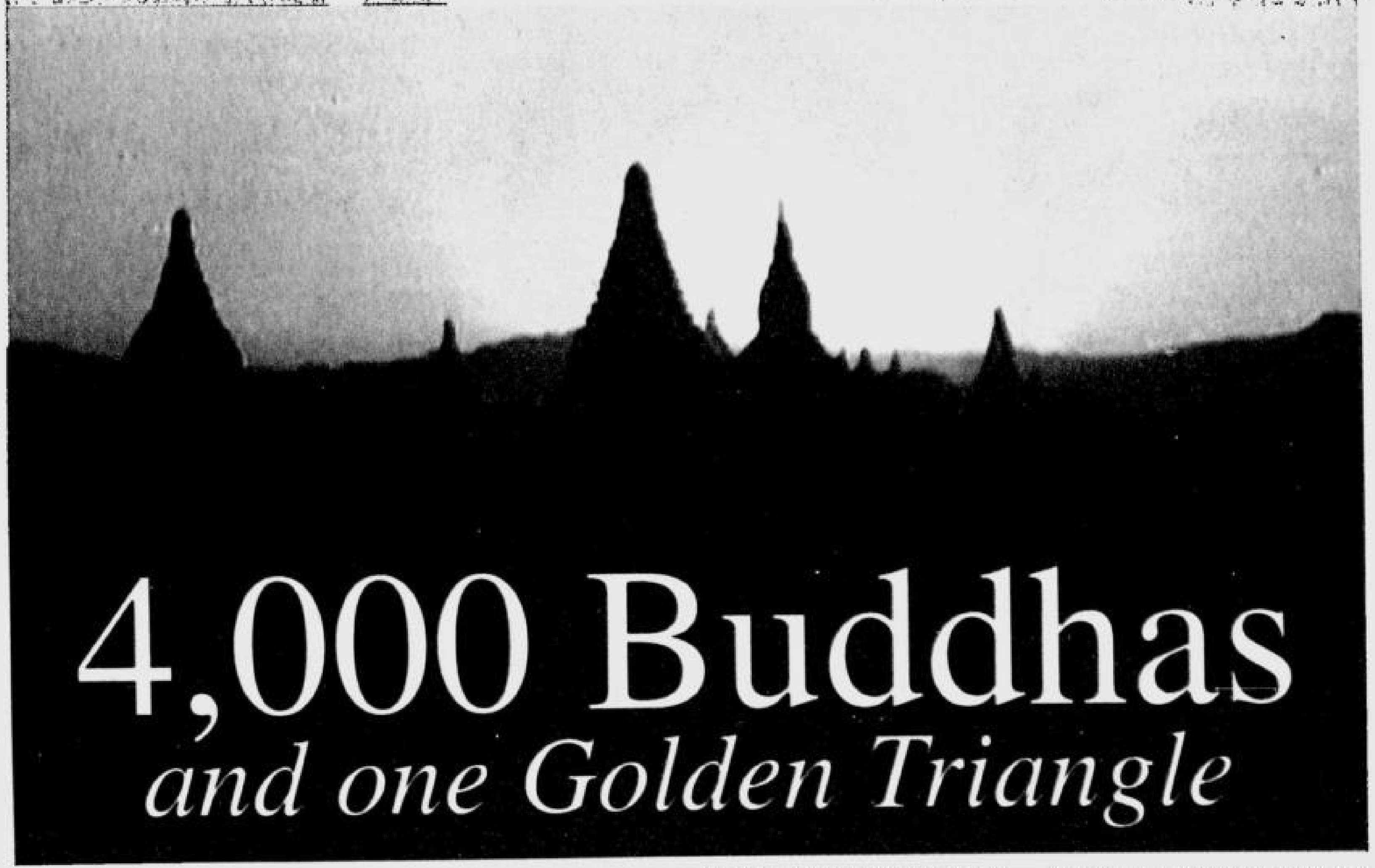

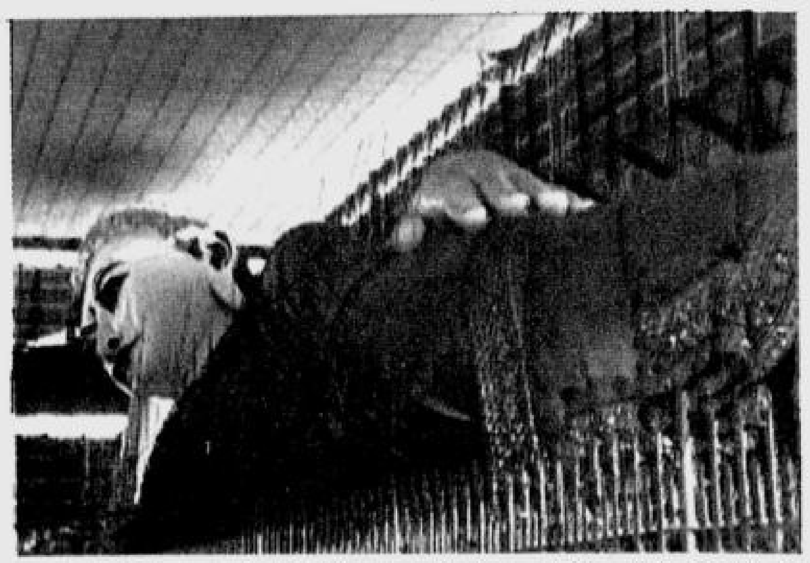

TEMPLES silhouetted against the sunset in Bagan (left), reclining Buddha in Yangon (above)
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4,000 Buddhas
and one Golden Triangle

By Violeta Hughes-Davis

GUILT weighed down on me as my husband and I boarded the Kuwait Airlines flight at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport shortly before midnight on Dec. 14, on our way to Burma, Laos and Thailand and the "Golden Triangle," a few square meters of land where these countries come together.

We had decided to spend our Christmas holidays visiting these three countries even before we arrived May 2000 in Manila, where my husband would teach as a Fulbright fellow at a local university. I did get flak from friends when they learned that we were not spending Christmas with family in the Philippines, saying that it is too special to miss. But there was no other time, as my husband's academic schedule would allow a three-week span only during the Christmas break. So, shame-faced but determined, my husband and I left for our two-week adventure.

Earlier I tapped into the Internet to find out what travel/tour agencies serviced the countries that we wanted to visit. One of them, Diethelm Travel (www.Diethelm.com), caught my attention, and a chance conversation with a friend who had used its services and highly recommended it clinched my decision.

I e-mailed Diethelm asking to be signed up for the "12-Day Golden Triangle Tour," which included visits to Yangon, Mandalay, Bagan and Inle Lake in Burma; the Golden Triangle as viewed from Chiang Saen in Thailand; Luang Prabang and Vientiane in Laos.

We considered the price of the tour very reasonable, as it included all the domestic in-country flights, the flight from Luang Prabang to Vientiane, the services of an English-speaking guide, double accommodations in first-class hotels, three meals a day and all museum entrance fees. A two-day cruise on the Mekong with an overnight stop at a riverside lodge was also included.

The only part not covered by Diethelm was the portion from Manila to Yangon, which my favorite travel agent, Rose Banares of T.R.I.P.S., secured for us at the last minute on the Kuwait-Philippine Airlines flight that would leave Manila at 11:40 p.m.

I had harbored some apprehension about this flight, never having heard of Kuwait Airlines, but when I saw plane and crew, I relaxed. The 747 looked new, and the crew, confident. On board, service was fast and efficient (the plane was almost empty).

Yangon

We arrived at the Bangkok International Airport at the unholy hour of 2:30 a.m. Since we had to check in four hours later for our continuing flight to Yangon, Diethelm had advised us to stay put at the airport instead of booking a hotel room. Disembarking later from a Thai Airways plane to Yangon, we found our guide waiting for us, holding aloft the reassuring placard with our name on it.

Our seasoned guide correctly diagnosed that we were sleep-deprived and suggested that we rest for an hour at the hotel in order to fully savor a Burmese lunch, before launching into an afternoon of sight-seeing.

The trip from the airport to our hotel was a pleasure, and I luxuriated in the smooth flow of traffic, what little there was, on the wide boulevard flanked by lush bougainvillea on each side. Compared to Manila's traffic-choked highways, Yangon's thoroughfares, though dusty, allow the handful of 20-year-old cars to flow freely. After a few kilometers I started noticing a novel sight—men and women in *longyis* (wrap-around skirts)—and I thought, there's no mistaking it, I am definitely in Burma. Somewhere along the way, we caught a glimpse of Madame Aung San Suu Kyi's beleaguered house, where we were warned not to loiter lest we be arrested on suspicion of being sympathizers. Closer to downtown, the telltale red marks on the streets from betel nut chewing and the sight of brown- and orange-robed monks confirmed our location.

Our first meal was a superb introduction to this new cuisine that we were eager to try. Soup laced with ginger and lemon grass was refreshing at mid-day. The river fish and goat meat, flavored with spices combined in proportions to which we were not used, challenged our taste buds.

And then on to visit the jewel of Burma, its tallest landmark, the most famous and most revered—the Shwedagon Pagoda, believed to hold a few locks of hair from the Buddha.

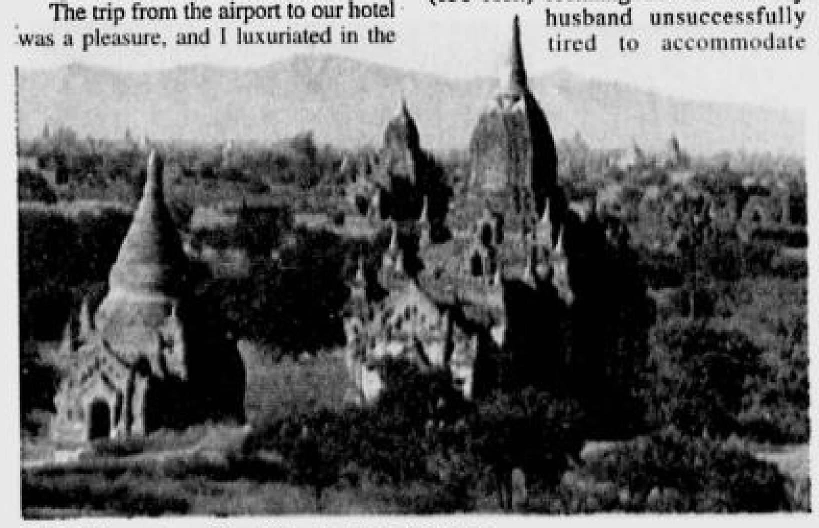
Before entering the temple, our guide instructed us to remove our shoes and socks, the first of many times we would be told to do so before entering a sacred site.

The shrine was alive with people praying, meditating, visiting with friends, resting, taking pictures. Most notable were the groups of hill tribes in their colorful headgear and distinctive native dress. They come to the Shwedagon specifically to pay homage to the Buddha, but stay for the day and make it a holiday.

Women in beautiful silk *longyis* contrasted with those who seemed to have stopped by on their way to or from an errand. Old men, lips and teeth red from betel nut, bowed and prayed devoutly. Tired European and American tourists rested on the steps, and I noted with relief that most of them observed the dress code, meaning no sleeveless tops and skimpy shorts.

As a Catholic taught by nuns to be quiet inside a church, I felt uneasy seeing people talking inside the temple. But I soon got used to seeing how comfortable the worshippers looked, as if the temple were an extension of their living room.

Later we hastened back to the hotel to take refuge in its air-conditioned comfort. Promptly at 2:30 p.m., our guide came to take us to see the giant (150 feet!) reclining Buddha that my husband unsuccessfully tired to accommodate within the frames of his video camera.



MORE temples with which to attain Nirvana

Again, shoes and socks off. Again, pilgrims of all kinds, including a group from Japan, paying homage, bowing and chanting prayers. I noticed glass boxes filled with bills, which turned out to be donation boxes, with the money meant for the upkeep of the temple or for the needs of the Buddhist priests and nuns.

Our next stop was the National Museum, where our guide related the history of Burma and the diverse groups that make up the country. The variety and intricate designs of their artifacts, ancient musical instruments, complex tools, ethnic dresses that identified each tribe, as well as the collection of Buddha figures made of materials such as marble, brass, bronze and even wood taught us a lot about their rich cultural history.

One glass case over which we lingered displayed the formal dresses worn by the royalty for official functions. These were lavishly embroidered with jewels the Kingdom was famous for: pearls, rubies and sapphires still as brilliant as the day they came off the jeweler's hand. My filmmaker husband wondered whether the costume designer for "Star Wars" had lifted some ideas from these gowns.

Bagan

The next day, we flew north to Bagan on an Air Mandalay turbo-prop and were pleased at its efficiency and punctuality. The flight took 45 minutes.

Waiting for us after we cleared Customs, our guide—bespectacled, swathed in a *longyi*, fluent in English—turned out to be a friendly and well-informed engineer who had retired from the UN Development Program before being hired by Diethelm. Being an engineer, he came properly equipped with a laser pointer, a tape measure and maps of the temples and *stupas* we would visit.

We learned that earthquakes and unscrupulous collectors had decimated many of the more than 4,000 temples and *stupas* that overwhelmed the first Westerners to see Bagan. I wondered aloud why there were so many of these structures, and our guide explained that in building one, rich persons are able to gain merit, increase their chances of improving their karma, and attaining Nirvana.

LEG rower on Inle Lake

Our hotel served breakfast in an open-air restaurant by the Irrawaddy River, so to keep from shivering every morning, we zealously helped ourselves to cups of steaming, delicious Burmese coffee and novel versions of Chinese *congee*. By noon, both the mists and the chill would lift and we would be seeking refuge from the strong sun in air-conditioned rooms and under the shade of neem trees.

Our guide was thorough in teaching us how to discriminate between temples and *stupas*, and among the variously styled Buddha figures. The arrangement of the hair, the length of the earlobe, the folds of the neck, the shape of the eyes and the drape of the robe are details indicating what period the Buddha figure was made, and which non-Buddhists do not notice.

In Bagan, we also saw how skilled young women embroidered rich tapestries and proud artisans produced lacquerware, said to be the best in all Burma.

Forty-five minutes northeast of Bagan by plane was our next stop, Mandalay, where the ultra modern and cavernous airport initially seemed to us to be out of sync, specially after having just left the unabashed remnants of colonialism, the antiquated airports of Yangon and Bagan.

The Mandalay airport reflected the glitter of money in all its sparkling stainless steel appointments and technological gadgets. My husband impertinently wondered whether money from the verdant poppy fields in the Shan State had made possible this impressive airport.

But at the airport, we complained of the 45-minute drive to our hotel, not knowing about its splendid location at the foot of Mandalay Hill, not far from the remains of the Mandalay Fort. To appease us, our guide drove us to the top of the hill, where we viewed the city from all directions.

SHARING a snack with Buddhist monk and students

I wanted to see the colonial part where the British lived and worked, but unfortunately, this section had been constructed mostly of wood, so no trace was left after a fire gutted it several years ago. Instead, we proceeded to the Mandalay Museum, where we were allowed to inspect the bamboo "books" on which are inscribed the Tripitaka, the sacred Scriptures of Buddhism written in Pali, their ancient language.

A few yards away was the Kuthodaw Paya, a temple surrounded by 729 free-standing marble "books," posted like guards around the temple. The Tripitaka is also inscribed on each 3-to-5-foot marble "book." The sight of these books blew my Eurocentric mind, which had been conditioned to think that only Medieval European monks were bibliophiles.

Another visual feast was King Thibaw Min's meditation room, which he ordered dismantled in 1880 and reassembled as a monastery at its present site. We arrived at the site when the day was almost ending, so we viewed the wooden panels decorating the room at the so-called Golden Hour, when fading sunlight bathes everything in a soft golden glow. The panels, so delicately and intricately carved, looked as magnificent and inspiring as the glittering spires of the Shwedagon, and as uplifting as any stained-glass window I had seen in European cathedrals.

Our last stop was at the temple of the 1,000-year-old, four-meter-high bronze Mahamuni Buddha, so highly venerated that it is now covered with a 15-centimeter-thick layer of gold leaf, generously plastered on by its devotees. It reminded me of the way we embellish our *santos* with heirloom pieces of gold and precious stones, by way of showing our devotion.

Inle Lake

By this time, we were ready to switch from temple viewing, so Inle Lake, our next stop, was most welcome. Again, the 10-degree Celsius December morning nipped at us when we rode in an open boat to visit the floating vegetable gardens and the craftspeople in their cottages on stilts.

The neighborhood resounded with the unique sounds produced by each particular craft: the dull thuds of the weavers' homemade looms, the ping-ping of the metal workers' anvil, and in the boat makers' village, the soft swish-swish of the carpenters' plane. The weavers' cottage displayed an enviable array of luxurious silk, each piece vying for attention with its stunning design and color. I watched fascinated as the young weavers figured out how to decode the numerically based instructions written out for them by master weavers, and translated these into patterns on skirts and shawls. Silicon Valley may have its computer whiz kids who read complicated programs based on ones and zeroes, but Inle Lake has weavers who make sense of another type of esoteric language, one expressed in colors and patterns.

Later Yangon Air flew us back to Yangon, where we would fly to Chiang Mai, Thailand. At the advice of our guide, we breezed through with nary a glimpse of the city to avoid getting caught in the heavy rush-hour traffic. As a consolation, he offered to take us to the International Gallery of Gems where we watched craftsmen fashion gems and heard sales clerks exclaim that many of their customers were Filipinos! We took too long at the gem store so it was close to midnight when we arrived in Chiang Saen—too late to take a peek at the Golden Triangle.

We did so at breakfast the following morning, and joined the other tourists in trying to pinpoint where, through the mist, lies the exact boundary that separates Thailand, Burma and Laos.

Promptly at 9 a.m., our guide hustled us to the van that would take us to the Thai side of the Mekong River. We checked in with Laotian immigration for the right to set foot on Vao, the river town on the Lao side of the Mekong, our port of entry to Laos. This was where we boarded our cruise "boat."

It was no Carnival Cruise liner but a spartan, open-sided boat, minimally equipped with tables, chairs, some sofas and locally woven blankets, and operated by a captain with 15 years experience plying the Mekong. I appreciated the blankets as we sped down the river and discovered that, as in Inle Lake, I needed more than the "light jacket" recommended by Lonely Planet. I would have been a lot warmer if I were outfitted with a racing helmet and woolen hat, like the farmers who roared past us in their souped-up, high-powered speedboats.

I appreciated the captain's sure hand as he expertly maneuvered the boat around the numerous boulders, seen and unseen, in the river. We admired the rock formations and the mountains on both sides of the river, but a few months later, as I was heading to the Philippines' northern region of Banaue, Bontoc and Mountain Province, I realized that these peaks were no match to the magnificent and formidable mountains flanking the Chico River.

On the way, we put in at a riverbank village so the Europeans could see a "typical" one. The children interrupted their games and focused on us; dogs barked and pigs grunted to mark our arrival. Some in our group took photos inside the villagers' homes—which, I felt, betrayed a shameful lack of respect, an imposition that offended me as much as the smell of animal waste.

Our next stop on the riverbank was a weaving village where magnificent silk scarves, shawls and *longyis*, woven with the silk threads spun in the village on primitive handlooms, were selling at give-away prices. I was loath to bargain but did so to preserve my self-respect, and came away with a lot of guilt and silk.

Luang Prabang

After two days of cruising, I had had enough of the Mekong. I was happy when we finally docked at Luang Prabang, at the foot of their most famous temple, the Wat Xieng Thong. As I was ascending the steps from the river, a Laotian welcomed me and, gesturing toward the temple, exclaimed with great pride and enthusiasm: "Most beautiful temple! Most beautiful temple!" It made me wonder: How many of us Christians point out our churches with half the pride to foreign visitors?

Our guide, half-Chinese and half-Lao, was waiting for us when we got to the top of the steps. He regaled us with stories of how he easily travels between Laos and China, taking advantage of the lively buy-and-sell activity that goes on at the border. (But that's subject for another story!)

If you decide to take the Golden Triangle tour offered by Diethelm Travel, remember a few things. Try to avoid flying out of Thansonhut Airport in Bangkok any more than necessary, as every time you depart from there, you have to shell out US$10 for the departure fee. Although your tour contract has set the terms of your trip, don't be afraid to suggest changes. For example, we were supposed to be booked into rooms with twin beds, but we asked to be given rooms with double ("matrimonial") beds and invariably, our requests were granted. Later, I also found out that we could have changed hotels if we had wanted to. In Luang Prabang, a princess from the Laotian royal family owns a hotel which is supposed to house many items from the royal art collection. Had we requested to stay there, Diethelm would have allowed it, as long as we paid the difference if there was any.

If you're going to travel on a lake or river in December, take warm clothing to ward off the early-morning chill. A piece or two of thermal underwear will do the job, and these do not take too much space. The period between October and February, when the heat is less intense, is the best time to visit.

Lastly, for you insatiable bargain hunters, buy as many silk shawls, scarves and skirts that you can carry. These are beautifully made and inexpensive, provided you exercise your bargaining skills and ignore the importuning of your bleeding heart.

Despite being in a military state, we saw fewer soldiers than monks in Burma. In fact, Manila's streets definitely had more uniformed men around! We never sensed danger, but felt completely safe walking around, as did, it seemed, many of the European, American and Japanese tourists whom we met.

I was surprised at how freely we could talk with the citizens, even about the military, as long as no uniformed person was within earshot. In fact, a joke we often heard in this Buddhist country was how the faithful fervently pray that the members of the military will be reincarnated as (fill the blank with the name of your most hated animal!).

We also learned that Buddhist monks still wield considerable influence in the countryside. In an honest contest for the people's hearts and minds, the monks will prevail hands down over the generals. Monks provide basic education, medical care, shelter, and sometimes food and advocacy, to those in need. The villagers respect them for this, knowing that these efforts come with no strings attached.

The basic Diethelm tour to the Golden Triangle costs $1,790 per person, plus the roundtrip airfare from Manila to Bangkok to Yangon ($563 per person), $30 per passport for Lao and Burma visa stamps, $10 departure fee at each airport, and tips for the tour guides. You can also purchase, as we did, accidental insurance at $11 per person for the 15 days of travel, unless your credit card already provides it.

It was a good time to visit Burma, when we could enjoy its relaxed pace, when traffic delays were still unheard of and car emissions had not yet poisoned the air, and before peddlers became more aggressive and menacing.

We did not have to compete with hordes of tourists to enjoy the sights, or wait in long queues to eat in restaurants or browse in the shops. The moral of the story is to go now before you lose your pocketbook advantage, when the swelling tide of tourists starts to roll over Burma.

TRAVEL BRIEFS

'Citrawana'

ON MAY 26, "Citrawana (The Colors of Malaysia)" will unfold in Kuala Lumpur with a cultural parade in which 4,000 representatives of the many races constituting the Malay population will take part.

Illuminated floats, street dances, musical and martial arts performances will be featured in the spectacular parade that was first launched last year.

Travelers will find this the best time to visit Kuala Lumpur, with its modern western-Muslim skyline that includes the Petronas Towers, the tallest in the world.

Adam's Express Travel has prepared a tour package for this event. Call 521-1651/38 for inquiries and reservations.

New product

AN INNOVATIVE product to induce airlines to use the services of the Bank Settlement Plan (BSP) has been launched by the Iata Distribution Services (IDS), which is responsible for operating and managing 65 BSP offices worldwide.

The APG Association collaborated closely with IDS in the design of the program, which, according to IDS managing director Tom Murphy, is "the most innovative system available to airlines to expand their business opportunities and offers attractive commercial and financial benefits to the airline community and Iata travel agents."

Murphy made his remarks in a speech at the recent APG Association convention in Geneva.

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In the Mother of all mothers, she trusts

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ished Grade 2, she qualified for second-year high school and she was 10 years old.

She was that bright.

Well, *ewan ko*. But they learned a lot going around. I didn't enroll her right away. I enrolled her when she was 11 in first year because I felt dapat *ka*-age *naman niya*. The older one was Grade 6 when she left school, she qualified for first-year college. She went to UP. She didn't go through high school.

Did you have books with you when you were going around?

We prayed as a family and we also had a small prayer community *sa* Marian movement. We would visit the bishops, *mga malalaking simbahan, maliliit na kapilya, mga lugar na liblib, sa mayayaman, sa mahihirap*, the children went through all these things in Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao. And they had no difficulty being with adults, they felt comfortable having a genuine conversation with adults. And they also had interaction with people their age. We would also have seminars on doctrine, with the Jesuits no less. *Sa akin, lumawak ang paningin nila*. It was just a matter of buying them the review books.

How did they do when you finally placed them back in school?

Okay. The younger one had to be with the DECS Home-Study Program because she was skating at least three hours a day and there'd be competitions.

How did she pick up skating? During the time you were going around?

Yes. She had a cousin who was in a competition. She tried skating and she really loved it. Okay *lang* because she was just a child, 9 years old. *Ang mahirap sa* home-study is you have to have the discipline, not just because you're home. And she finished her high school within schedule. The other one is doing okay in UP.

Do you still look at commercial considerations when making a film?

To me, commercial is when you hit the truth. When you hit the truth you make a connection. *Laging sinasabi na kapag* artistic *ang pelikula, hindi kumikita, tapos kapag* commercial, *hindi naman* artistic. That has no basis whatsoever. *Hindi ako naniniwala*. It's not necessarily so. The audience will know that you're only pursuing the truth with a pure heart, mind and spirit, even if it's crudely shot.

Did "Tanging Yaman" win every award as best picture?

Except in Urian and Star Awards. It won in the Metro Manila Film Festival, in the Young Critics' Circle, Famas and Film Academy of the Philippines. I like it in the Young Critics' Circle; they do it at the UP amphitheater, and instead of giving the usual thank-you speech, you talk about what you did, how you did it, explain it. The Young Critics are there and there's a gallery of students and they get to ask you questions. *Gustong-gusto ko yun*. Urian used to be like that but it's not anymore.

Did you think the Young Critics would be harder to please?

I didn't know about the Young Critics until I was nominated. I think they started when I was out of circulation. I really enjoyed the afternoon with them. I enjoy going to students' fora in the first place. They said this is in a way an alternative to Urian because Urian is already established... sometimes their awards were different, which was true in this case. It was unpredictable because I didn't know the mind-set of these people.

"Tanging Yaman" is about a family so the audience was from young to old. Did you find that the young appreciated it the same way as the older people did?

Yes. I get feedback from them, and I get feedback from parents who told me it was their children who told them to watch the movie. And some of my young actors *din* said their friends were telling them *na sapong-sapo*.

How did you find the criticisms on "Tanging Yaman"?

Okay *lang*... Perception *nila yun*. They're free to interpret it in the way that they saw it. They're entitled to it. As far as I know, to the public the message was loud and clear.

How did it do in the box office?

Very well.

Will it be entered in foreign film festivals?

I don't know. It's going out today or Friday, a Star Cinema representative—I don't know who—but it's going to Cannes. We have a booth there because I also have another film, "American Adobo," which is an ABS-CBN co-production ... I shot "American Adobo" October last year in New York. It's about five Filipino friends living in New York. They're single except for one who's unhappily married.

Who wrote it?

Vincent Nebrida.

Is it a satire?

It is, kind of. It is a comedy. I mean it's not a tragedy in the sense *na* it has a positive ending. But it has its moments of pathos. It's not your kind of Filipino comedy.

These are Filipinos who were friends in the Philippines before they left for the US. Even in college they knew each other, back in the '70s, during the time of the protests against Marcos. They went to America for various reasons, mostly because of disenchantment. They have adapted the American ways including the freedom of living in New York. One of the friends cooks *adobo* among other things and they meet once in a while to eat Filipino food, and it's an excuse for them to talk about home so there's a lot of commentary.

Who produced "American Adobo"?

ABS-CBN with Unitel and a group of Americans who were behind the first "Blair Witch Project," Magic Adobo Productions. We shot it like an American picture, with a whole American crew, and everything was with permits and all.

How was the experience for you?

Very good. Very rewarding. I felt completely comfortable with shooting there and with the crew. It was a New York crew who do mostly independent films, which is the thing in New York.

Who are the stars?

From here are Christopher de Leon, Ricky Davao, Dina Bonnevie, Cherry Pie Picache, and from the US are Paolo Montalban and some American actors who are not well known here.

How much did the movie cost in dollars?

I don't know. I'm not into that really. But when we finished, something like $850,000. I don't know if they'd added more since we came back. That's a very low budget even for an indie film. It was still more expensive than "Blair Witch" but in the standard it was still low-budget, but *medyo mataas na* for us here.

Would you consider working for Hollywood?

Yeah, if it's a project that I can do.

Even if it interferes with your beliefs?

If the message is totally negative, no, I won't do it. I mean, "American Adobo" is not "Tanging Yaman"... It doesn't have a religious theme but it is honest and it has a positive outlook in the end.

How do you put this in the context of your career now? After "Tanging Yaman," you're typecast as director of religious movies.

This one will serve to change it a little bit. This is not GP. I don't know how it will fare when it gets reviewed.

Do you think it will appeal to a wider American audience?

I don't know. I think it has a September release in New York. *Sina* Vincent *kasi, kaklase yan ni* Kevin Fox, who was the executive producer of the first "Blair Witch" and executive producer of this one. They're very young people. Vincent works for a firm that distributes indie films. The reason all this started was, *yun bang ang dami na niyang natulungang i*-distribute na Iranian, Chinese and other Asian films, why can't he do it for a Filipino film? *Nag-usap-usap sila nina* Tony Gloria, they wrote this thing... I had nothing to do with its writing. But when I came in, of course, I edited it because it was very long. So it was mostly editing, some revisions.

Did you have to redo your style because Americans will be viewing it?

Yes. *Diretso*. The style of the acting *na*... try not to go over the top. *Yung* style *nating* instead *na sabihin, dina*-drama *pa natin. Kung ano lang, yun lang. Saka sa* cutting. After we cut the film, *dumating yung* executive producer, who's also an editor, so he made suggestions on how to cut it. *Ako naman* I'm very cooperative because I really want to make an American picture. Even if the subject is Filipinos and their lives in New York, essentially I'm trying to find the formula for an American picture. One thing is the cutting. *Yung* acting is not over-the-top, *diretso lang. Tayo kasi pinipiga pa wala namang dapat iyakan.*

But what Filipino-ness did you show *na iba sa Amerikano*?

Yung masyadong pagpapahalaga sa ina, yung ayaw nating masaktan yung ina. I won't go into detail *pero gan'un*.

Who's the *nanay*?

Gloria Romero. But it's a cameo role...

You didn't inject any religious undertones?

One of the characters, Cherry Pie's, is an old maid accountant. I mean, not your usual old-maid; old maid in the sense *na* unmarried and she hasn't got a regular partner. She's always looking for Mr. Right. She believes in God. *Pinagtatawanan siya ng iba* but she's still hoping. She has a *novena* to St. Joseph to find her a husband, *ganun. Yung* character *ni* Dina *naman* is the art dealer Manhattan type who doesn't go to Mass.

Will you do another "Salome" type of movie?

This one I'm doing next. (Laughs) It's called "Santa-santita."

Who's the lead?

I can't say yet; I don't want to preempt. We already have two people in mind but it has to be Charo [Santos Concio] to say it's definitely them. We start shooting in June.

Is it set again in the province?

No, it's set here, in the slums. And it's not because of the recent "Edsa III." I was one of the judges of the scriptwriting contest sponsored by the Film Foundation, the one of Nestor [Torre]. Out of 40, when I read it, *sabi ko*, "Whether this one wins or not, it's mine." I really liked the material. It has the simplicity [of "Salome"]; it has only two lead characters, a man and a woman. It won first prize.

Who's the writer?

Gerry Gracio.

How's the crop of young writers?

In that group alone, quite a few good writers *na*... Maybe in the future I can tap some of them. But when I was reading the 40, it was really that one that appealed most to me. They don't tell you who it is, numbered *lang*. When I found out that he's also a poet, *kaya pala nagustuhan ko ang* images *niya*.

Have you seen "Live Show"?

No, I haven't. I was going to watch it before *pinatawag si* [former MTRCB chief] Nick Tiongson [by Cardinal Sin]. Johnny and I went to Megamall to see it and that was the day it was recalled, so *hindi ko napanood*. I could have watched it on VCD later but at the time *may nangyari nang*... I decided not to buy it anymore.

Are you still a member of DGPI [Directors Guild of the Philippines]?

I resigned after the day of the rally. I called up one of them and I said, "I cannot be with you in Mendiola. I have to resign." I mean, nobody was forcing me. It's just that the way the events turned out, I had no choice but to resign. I could not take the same position. I did not agree with DGPI taking that stand without consultation. When it began we could have discussed it and maybe found a way around the problem. We could have watched it among ourselves, we could have decided a course of action. After Nick Tiongson's meeting—I think he met with some members only of DGPI—and they decided to make that press conference, *talagang* absolutely no consultation, the things that were said had already been said. *Ang* principle, I don't like that way of handling films because that's not democratic. Secondly, between my career and my being Catholic, my being Catholic takes precedence. And they know it.

> *Pag nagsisimba ako, ang haba-haba ng pila ng mga nagkokomunyon. Naisip ko, dito yung pila. Ano naman ang pelikulang panonoorin nitong mga nagkokomunyon?* . . . The fact that they're lining up for communion... *Ibig sabihin naniniwala sa Diyos ang mga ito* . . . If those are the aspirations of your heart, what movie would help you?

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Business proposal becomes a lifelong commitment

KATHLEEN Dy and George Go

WHAT began with a business proposal ends a year and a half later in a wedding proposal.

Kathleen Dy, marketing director for Universal Records, and George Go, marketing director for Virtual Asia, a local Internet service provider, met when she was working on a Gary Valenciano project. She approached Go to propose a tie-up with Virtual Asia.

Over a year later, it was his turn to make a proposal.

On March 10, Kathleen marched down the aisle of the Manila Cathedral to Gary Valenciano's moving rendition of "I Will Be Here." With her parents, Dr. James and Ms Julieta Dy, the bride was radiant in a strapless ivory silk gazar gown embellished with tiny rosette embroideries and hundreds of Swarovski beads. The cathedral-length gown had a 10-m veil.

Designer Randy Ortiz conceptualized and created the gowns of the bridal entourage in varying shades of orange and green. The mothers of the bride and groom wore designs by Rajo Laurel and Paul Cabral, respectively.

The groom, son of Elisa Ngo and the late Antonio Go, wore a Hugo Boss tuxedo.

President Macapagal-Arroyo led the principal sponsors. She was escorted by Orlando S. Mercado. Other sponsors were John and Olivia Ng, Guillermo and Evelyn de Joya, Antonio and Betty Chua, Jose Mari and Mary Ann Chan, Carlos and Elisa Laude, Johnson and Conchita Runa, Antonio and Lily Tecson, Sebastian and Lita Chua, Vic and Lilia

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Ernst & Young's Global CEO Bill Kimsey, Executive Partner Paul Ostling, Global Partner for Integrating Practices Jean-Charles Raufast, and Regional Executive Partner for Asia Pacific John Harvey paid a courtesy call on President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo in Malacañang before joining CEOs and CFOs of P&A client firms, government dignitaries and other guests from the business community at the Rigodon Ballroom of the Peninsula Manila for cocktails.

With President Macapagal-Arroyo at Malacañang before the cocktails are (from left) Paul Ostling, Jean-Charles Raufast, Nancy Kimsey, Bill Kimsey, Ben Punongbayan, Joe Araullo, BOI Chairman Vince Perez and John Harvey

Among the guests were Senator Franklin Drilon, DTI Undersecretary and BOI Chairman Vince Perez, Former Prime Minister and RCBC Corporate Vice Chairman Cesar Virata, Former DTI Secretary and House of Investments CEO Roy Navarro, American Chamber of Commerce President George Drysdale Jr., Makati Business Club Chairman Dick Romulo, and DBP President and CEO Remy Macalingcag.

P&A Managing partner Ben Punongbayan, Ernst & Young Global CEO Bill Kimsey, Caltex Phil. Country Chairman Nicolas Siorio, CMG of Australia CEO Shane Mcnally, Senator Franklin Drilon and P&A Co-managing Partner Joe Araullo

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Commenting on his trip to the Philippines and neighboring Asian countries, Kimsey cited the role that global professional services firms like Ernst & Young play in the developing world economy. "Our services are an important enabler of the financial markets," he said. "Having just been in the Far East, I learned firsthand that there are tremendous opportunities for Ernst & Young in this region."

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Milestones

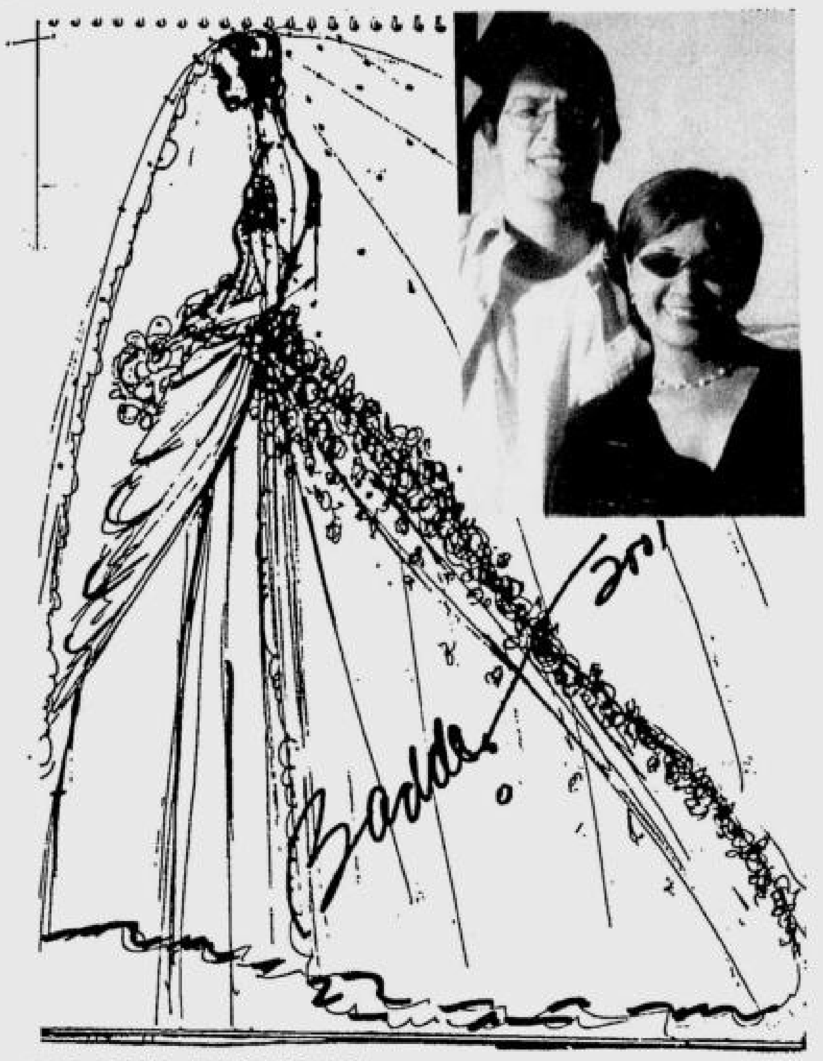
ILAGAN-ALCANTARA

Rhoel G. Ilagan, son of **Ernesto** and **Evelyn Ilagan**, will marry **Maria Karen E. Alcantara**, daughter of **Arsenio** and **Leonila Alcantara**, on June 2 at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, Batangas City. The bride will wear a creation by **Ed Alejandrino**.

We're accepting announcements of weddings and engagements. Please send the following typewritten information: names of engaged couple, names of parents, date and place of wedding, gown designer and other related information. Readers can send sketches of gowns and pictures of the couple at least two weeks before the wedding. This will be printed depending on space availability and at no cost to the sender.

PEDRO-COROS

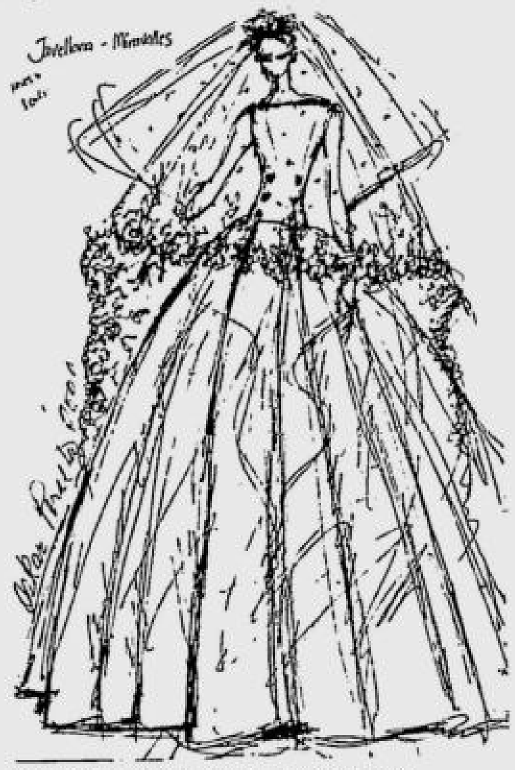
Elvin Hayes C. Pedro and **Pearl M. Coros** will exchange vows on May 19 at the Manila Cathedral. Reception will follow at the Diamond Ballroom of the Manila Diamond Hotel.



SALAZAR-DAQUIOAG

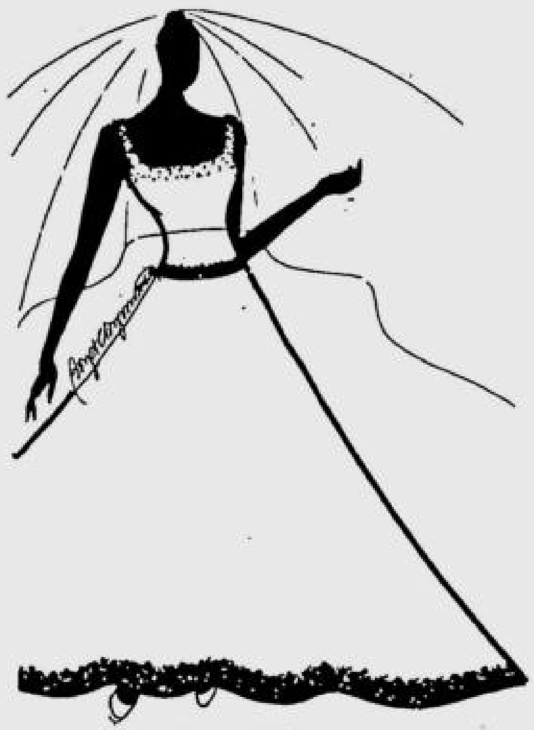
G. Mark Salazar, son of **Charles** and **Anita Salazar** of Los Angeles, California, will marry **Eng Daquioag**, daughter of Col. (*ret.*) **Narciso** and Marinduque board member **Zenaida Daquioag**, on May 19 at the Manila Cathedral. Reception will follow at the Champagne Room of the Manila Hotel.

The bride will wear a champagne white, Victorian-inspired gown. Corset top bodice with mini cup sleeves are embellished with beads. Double bias skirt has a draping top skirt and a 5-meter cathedral train with different sizes of cabbage roses, designed and executed by **Eddie Baddeo**.



JAVELLANA-MIRAVALLES

Gerald Javellana, son of **Ignacio** and **Silvia Javellana**, will exchange vows with lawyer **Armee Miravalles**, daughter of RDO **Aguinaldo** and **Anastacia Lara Miravalles**, on May 19 at Mary the Queen Parish in San Juan. Reception will be held at the Peninsula Rigodon Ballroom. The bride will wear an **Oskar Peralta** creation.

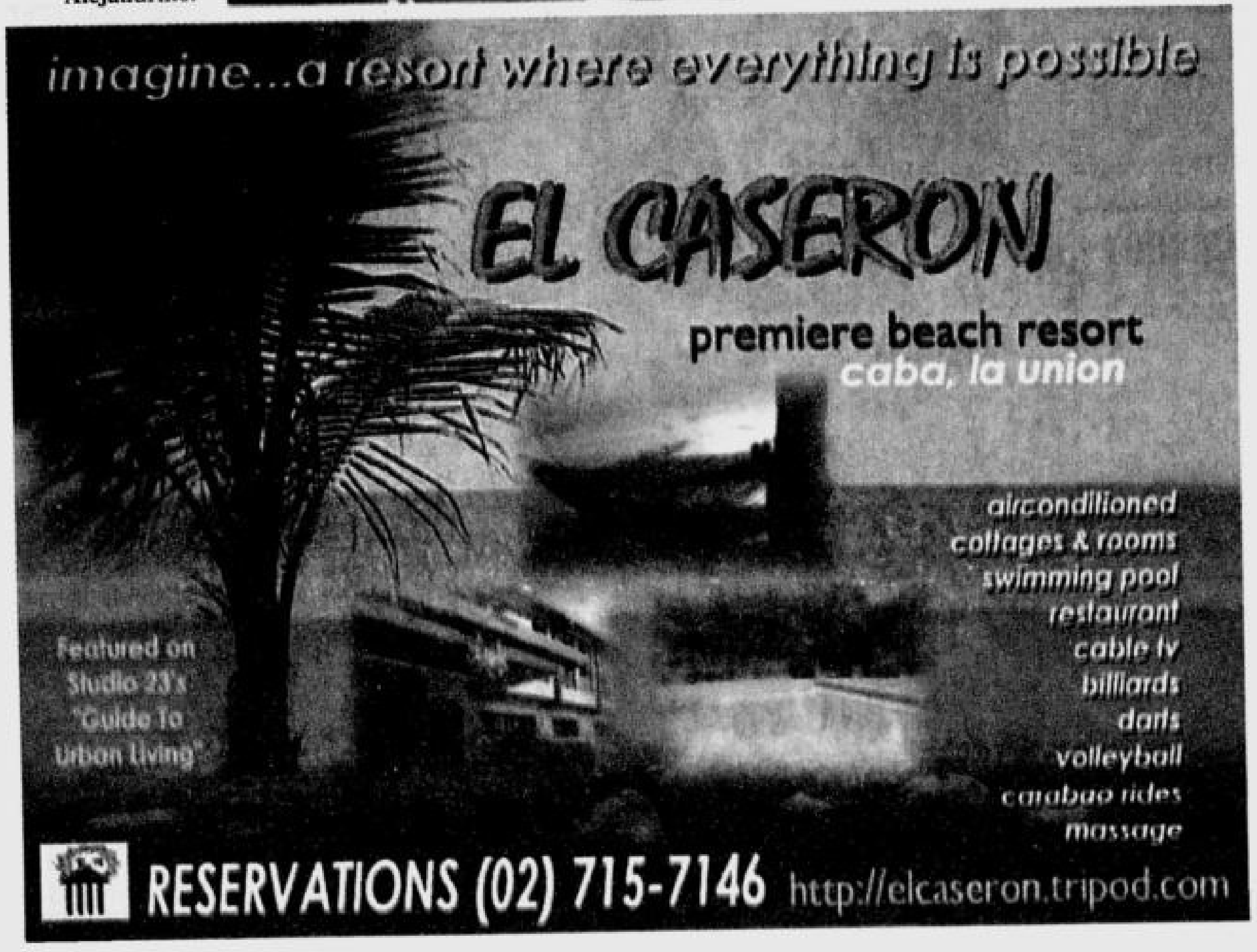


ZABAT-GALINATO

Dominador E. Zabat, son of Mr. and Ms **Jose Zabat**, will marry **Marilyn S. Galinato**, daughter of Mr. and Ms **Ernesto B. Galinato**, on May 19 at St. Peter and Paul Cathedral, Bauang, La Union. Reception will be held at the LZK Function Room, San Fernando City.

FERRER-MASONGSONG

Eymard German Joseph B. Ferrer, son of engineer **German** and **Lourdes Beato Ferrer**, married **Henrietta Myrasol M. Masongsong**, daughter of **Teodoro** and **Mercado Masongsong**, on March 4 at the San Sebastian Church. **Edgar Allan** designed the bridal gown.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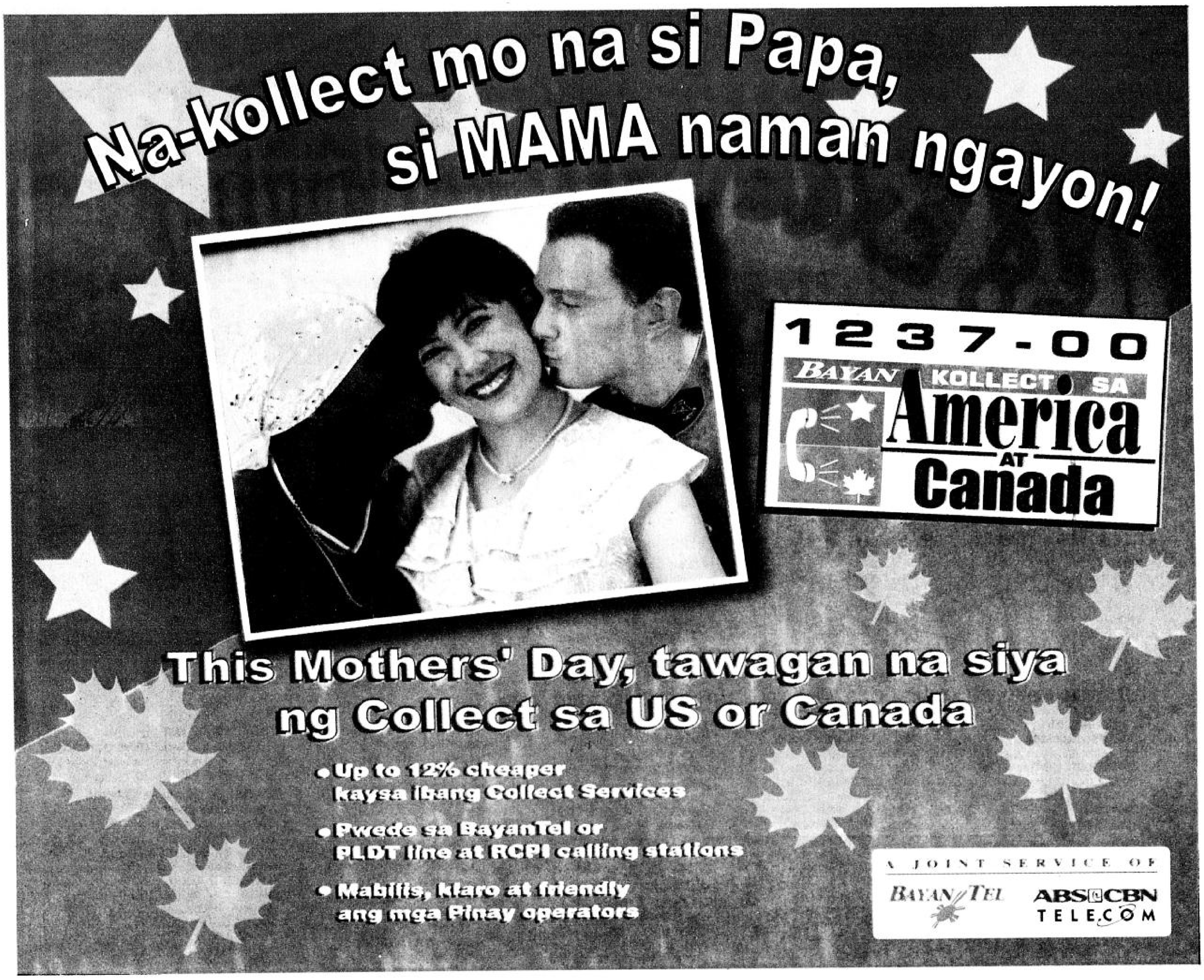

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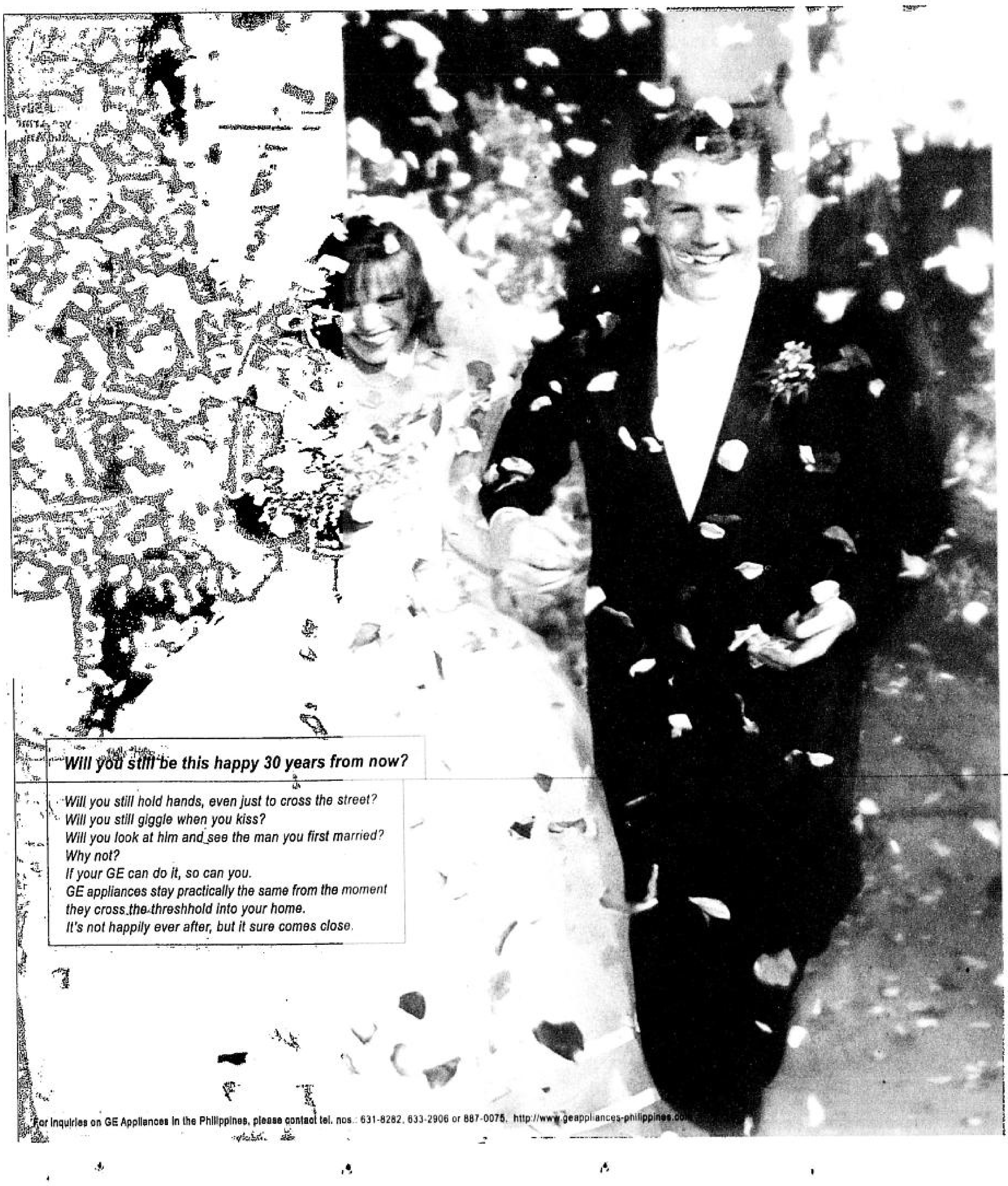

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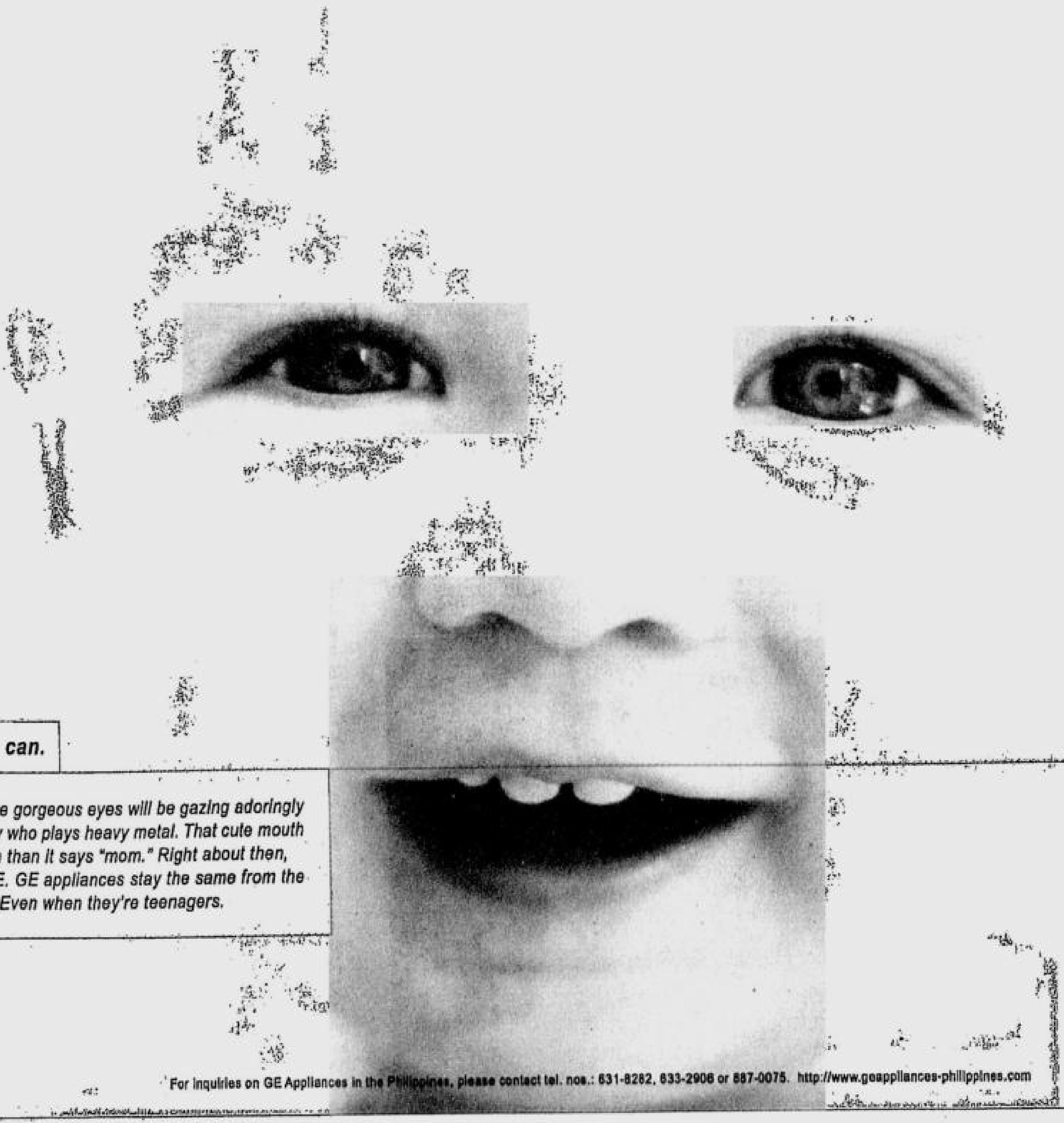

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Business proposal becomes a lifelong commitment

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Cheng, and Henry and Margaret Go. Cabral created the champagne-hued gowns of all the female principal sponsors.

The wedding Mass, officiated by Fr. Johnny Go, S.J., was a mixture of formality and personal touches. He gave a touching and, at times, humorous homily. Valenciano, Lisa Cabahug and the AC Voices and the String Minstrels provided additional hymns. Rita Neri of the Wedding Store very efficiently handled the wedding coordination.

A wedding reception for over a thousand guests followed at the Edsa Shangri-La Hotel. Olive de los Santos and Robert Blancaflor of 1816 Flowers decked the hallways of Shangri-La with orange maple trees bearing cylindrical lanterns. They decorated the ballroom with autumn-colored tulips, ranunculus, viburnums, amaryllis, roses and liliums in orange fruit containers and topiaries. The huge reception hall was also adorned with candles and ceiling and wall draping courtesy of 1816 Flowers. Gerry Fernandez created a beautiful lighting design.

Penk Ching and Shen Chen of Pastry Bin prepared the seven-layered wedding cake.

At the reception, the talented Karylle, daughter of Zsa Zsa Padilla, Gino Padilla, Ito Rapadas and Jimmy Antiporda provided entertainment, with Freddie Santos as host. Dominic Velasco of Imacron produced an audio-visual presentation for the couple.

Among the guests were Rosemarie Arenas, Mr. and Ms Celestino King, Carmen Tan, Pacita Chua, Mr. and Ms Peter Coyiuto, Angeli Pangilinan Valenciano, Patrick Sy and wife Marcia Gokongwei, Steve Sy and Cherina Chilip, Michael and Diana Que, and David and Marcia Uy. Personal friends of the bride and groom who were present included Jun and Carol Cabangon, Eugene and Leni Go, Arnold and Joanna Cabangon, Chris and Janice Chua and newlyweds Tom and Maya Pohang.

The couple spent their honeymoon in Europe and the United States.

WITH THEIR parents Dr. James and Julieta Dy, and Elisa Ngo and Robert Go

THE WEDDING cake

BROTHERS OF BRIDE AND GROOM. Geoffrey Go, Jameson Dy, Howard Dy, Georence Go and Mitchell Go.

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THE BRIDE with Cherina Chilip, Pepper Periquet, Farah Mae Sy, Susie Ann Go and Marcia Gokongwei Sy

WITH FRIENDS Jun Cabangon, Carol Cabangon, Arnold Cabangon, Joanna Cabangon, Jeanette See, Michelle Tan, Fanny Dychiao, Roger Tan, Miki Gaw, Gilbert Gaw and Alvin Lao

WITH ANGELI Valenciano, sister of the bride Bella Dy Tan, Gino Padilla, Karylle, Ito Rapadas and Jimmy Antiporda

Omega sponsors FDCP's bridal show

OMEGA brought a spark of class and elegance as one of the major sponsors in the recent "Bridal Inspirations 2001," a fashion event staged by the Fashion and Design Council of the Philippines (FDCP).

"Bridal Inspirations 2001" is among the FDCP projects geared toward the support of the design industry. At same time, with the wedding season just around the corner, the event also offered some helpful hints for a memorable yet enchanting date at the altar by showcasing the latest trends in bridal wear, as envisioned by some of today's leading names in the fashion scene, such as Josie Cruz Natori, Inno Sotto, Lulu Tan Gan, Cesar Gaupo, Randy Ortiz, Frederick Peralta and Rajo Laurel.

Aside from the runway presentation, the event also featured a three-day gallery display of magnificent wedding gowns, accessories and other necessities in planning a perfect wedding.

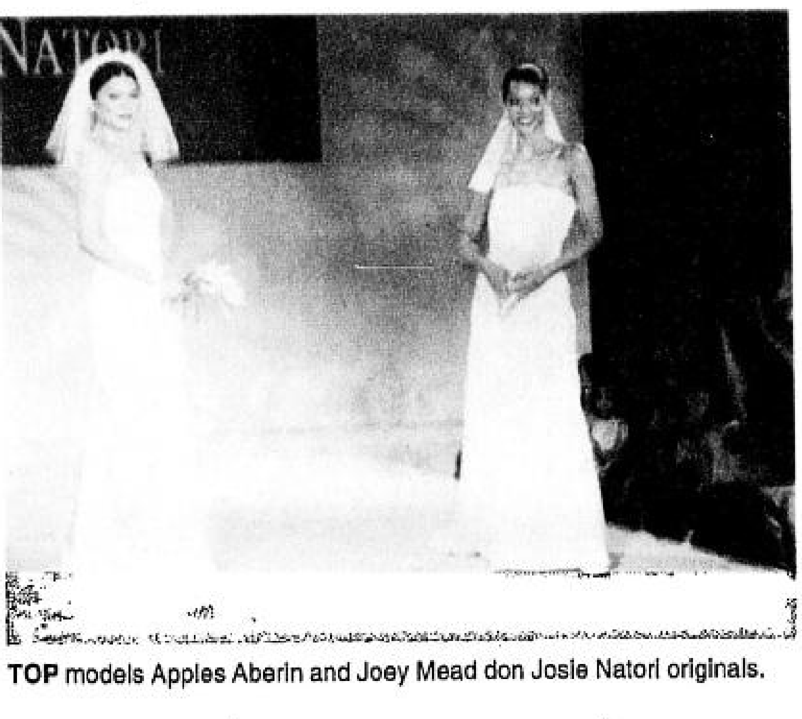
And to inspire the blushing bride and the dashing groom, Omega set up a display booth with a wide array of elegant timepieces that have captured the discriminating tastes of prominent figures in various fields of endeavor. Among the noted Omega owners are actor Pierce Brosnan, supermodel Cindy Crawford, tennis sensation Anna Kournikova and Formula 1 racing champ Michael Schumacher.

Over the years, Omega has perfected the art and science of watchmaking, infusing the latest in technology and the trendiest in fashion to create an elegant yet precise timepiece that can be spotted on the wrists of these remarkable personalities.

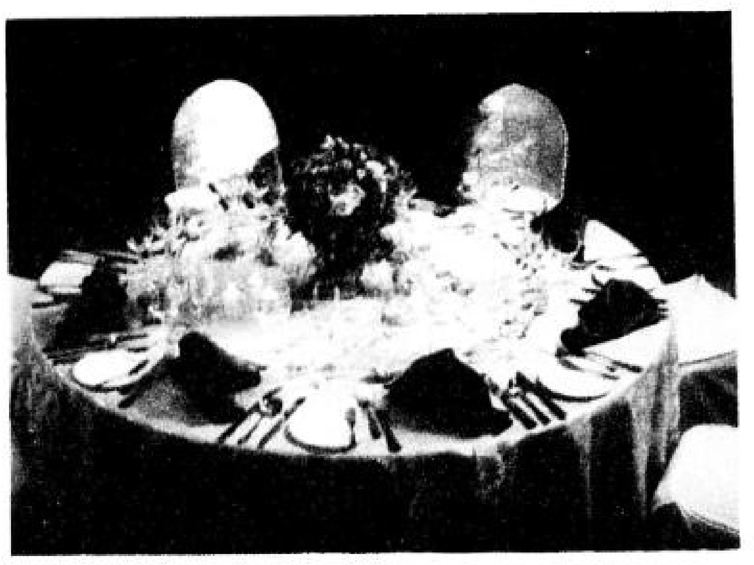
"Bridal Inspirations 2001" proved to be a perfect venue for wedding enthusiasts to have a taste of the flourishing bridal industry and for brides and grooms-to-be to have a peek of Omega's finery, such as the Speedmaster and the Constellation, which both are the choice of people of discriminating taste.

RISSA Samson walks down the catwalk in a Len Nepomuceno-Guiao creation.

"F" brides Angel Aquino and Daphne Oseña show off elegant bridal gowns and stylish Omega collection.



TOP models Apples Aberin and Joey Mead don Josie Natori originals.


AN ELEGANT table setting

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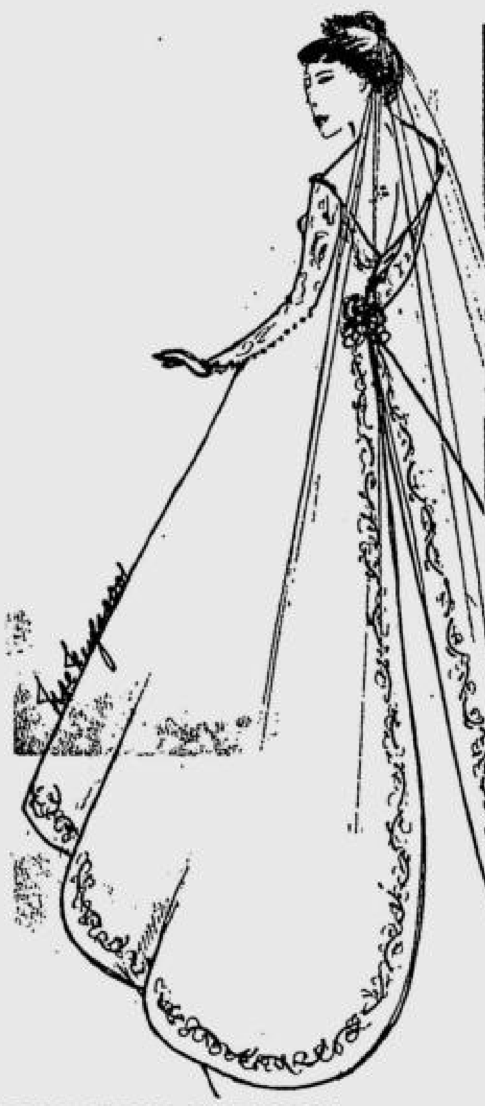


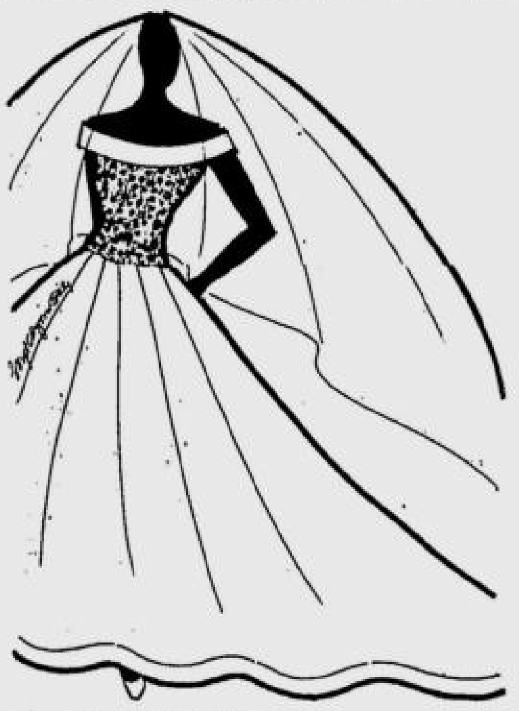
DELA CRUZ-CARMONA

Rodolfo Celestino dela Cruz Jr., son of Mr. and Ms **Rodolfo dela Cruz Sr.**, has exchanged vows with **Gugie Amante Carmona**, daughter of **Isabel Carmona**, on May 5 at The Basilica of San Sebastian, Plaza del Carmen, Quiapo, Manila.

Noe M. Reyes of the Philippine Academy of Fashion Designers designed the bride's gown.

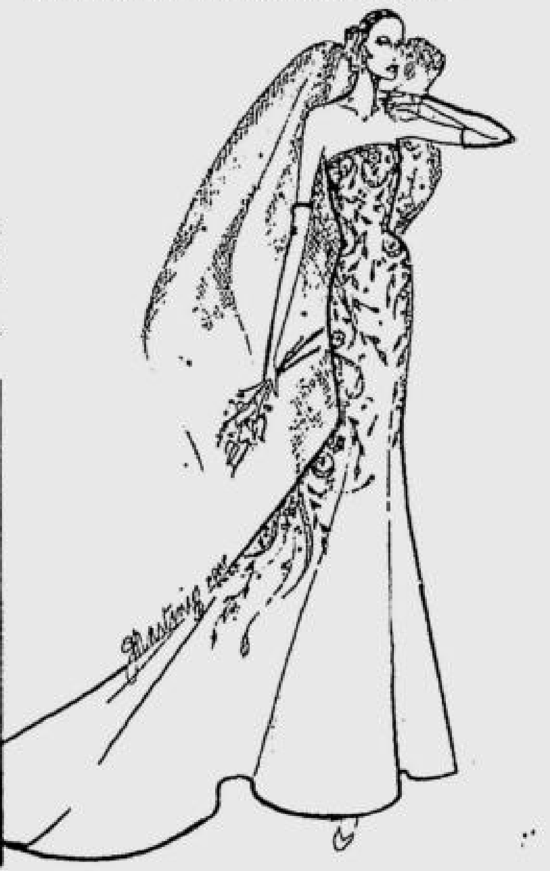
CHAN-FORONDA

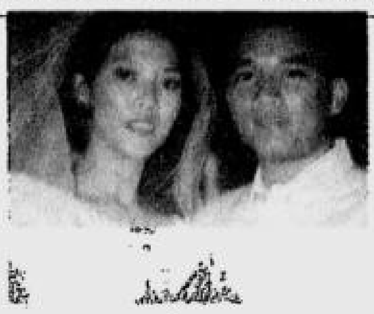
Irene A. Foronda, daughter of **Virgilio** and **Ludivina Foronda**, has exchanged marital vows with **Dennis A. Chan**, son of **Precila Austria-Chan**, at the St. Paul Metropolitan Cathedral, Vigan City, Ilocos Sur. The bride wore a strapless serpentina-cut duchesse satin sheath by Galatea designers **Jontie** and **Nicky Martinez**. Ecru chalk and transparent cut beads are traced in floral motif with cascading vines and scattered pearls and borealis.



TINAWIN-CASEM

Timoteo Tinawin, son of Mr. and Ms **Vicente Tinawin**, will marry **Mildred Casem**, daughter of Mr. and Ms **Pacifico Casem**, on May 19 at the Three Kings Parish Church, Gapan, Nueva Ecija.





JUNGOY-SALVO

Allan Jungoy, son of **Faustino** and **Fe Jungoy**, and **Ma. Socorro Salvo**, daughter of **Eva Rebustillo Salvo**, were married on April 21 at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Philamlife Village, Pamplona, Las Piñas. Reception was held at Philamlife.

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INNOVATIVE FEATURES

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BACK TO BACK SUPERBRAND AWARDS

Consumers in the Philippines and Asia recently cast their votes for the 2001 Reader's Digest survey. For the second consecutive year, GE has won the Reader's Digest Superbrand Gold Award for refrigerators in the Philippines and in the whole of Asia.

GE Appliances is also proud to receive the Reader's Digest Superbrand 2001 Gold Award for Washing Machines. Today, consumers want reliable, smart appliances that make their lives easier, and GE's innovative product design teams continue to create award-winning products to meet this demand.

Very soon, Filipino consumers will catch a glimpse of the Advantium™, GE's revolutionary new oven with Speedcook™ technology that delivers great-tasting food in one-fourth the time of a conventional oven. GE appliances available in the Philippines also include the US Style Top-mount No-frost refrigerators, the GE Stainless Steel Refrigerators, the 20 cu.ft. Upright Freezer, the GE side-by-side refrigerators, US Style Washer and Dryer, and the GE Electric Ranges.

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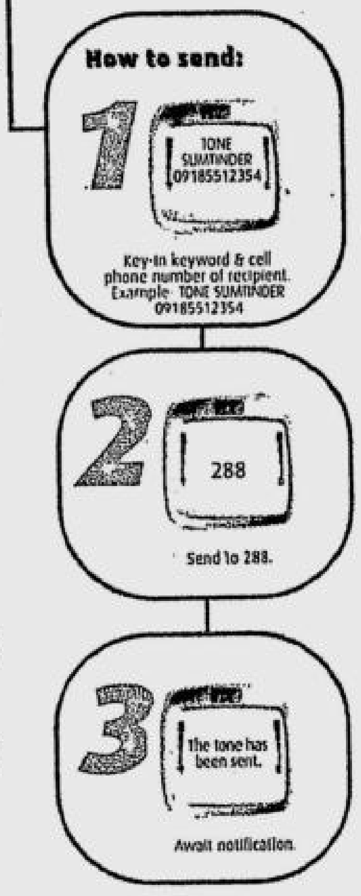
Dreaming Of You	Selena	TONE DRIMOFU
Every Little Thing She Does	Sting	TONE LITLTHNG
Flintstones (TV Cue)	TV Cue	TONE FLINTSTO
I Knew I Loved You	Savage Garden/Darren Hayes/Daniel Jones	TONE IKNWLUVU
I Love You Always Forever	Donna Lewis	TONE LUVULWYS
Kiss From A Rose	Seal	TONE KISFROSE
Love Is All Around	Wet Wet Wet	TONE FOURWED
Love Is All That Matters	Diane Warren	TONE LUVMATR
Love Me Four A Reason	Boyzone	TONE LUV4RISN
Simpsons Theme	Danny Elfman	TONE SIMPSONS
Sweet Child Of Mine	Guns N' Roses	TONE SWEETCHI
Truly Madly Deeply	Savage Garden Darren Hayes/Daniel Jones	TONE TRULYMAD
You Needed Me	Anne Murray/Charles Goodrum	TONE UNIDME



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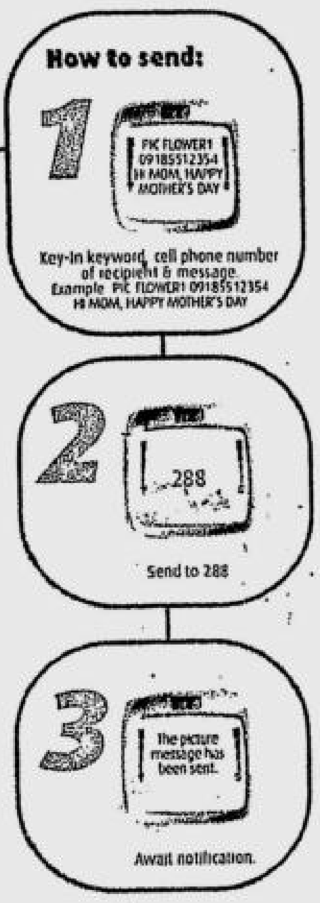

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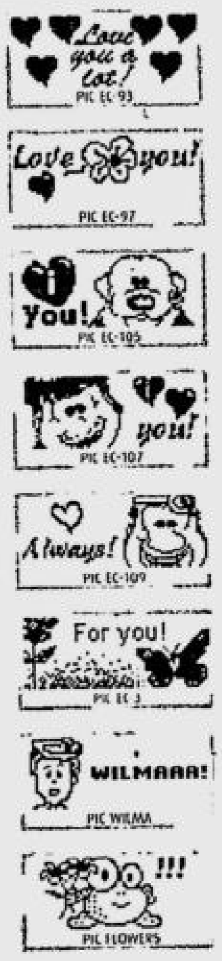

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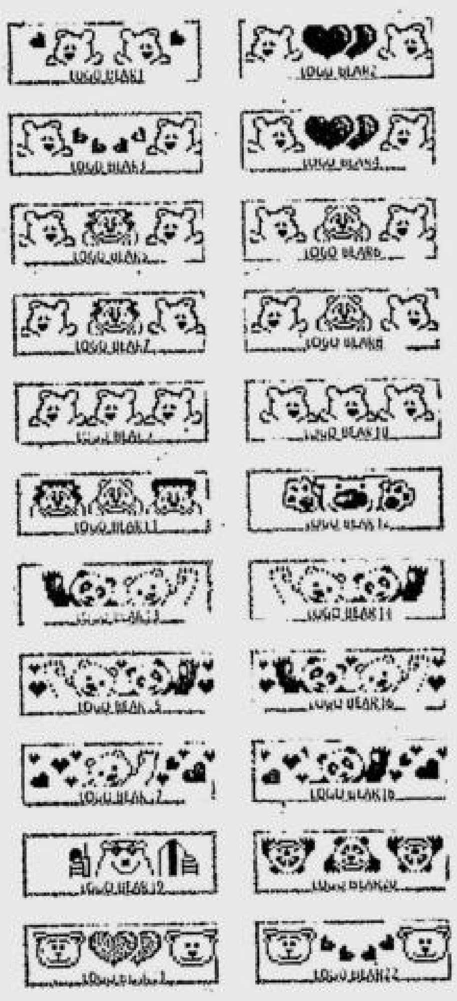

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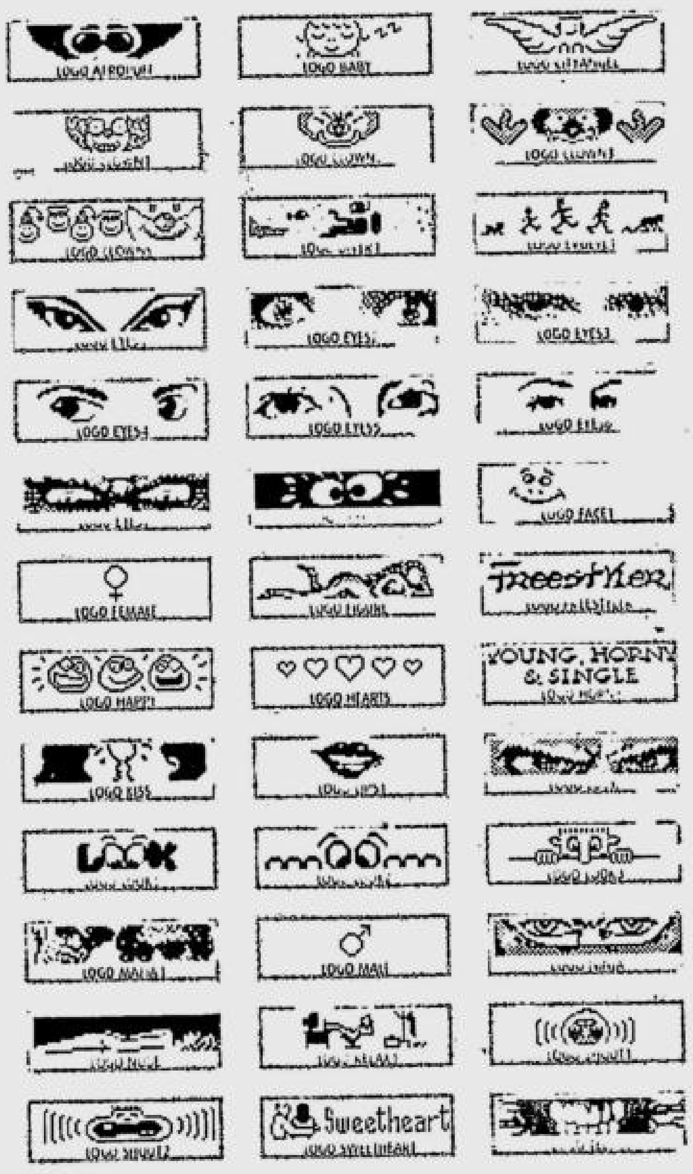

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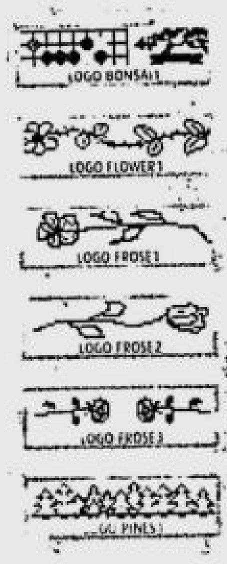

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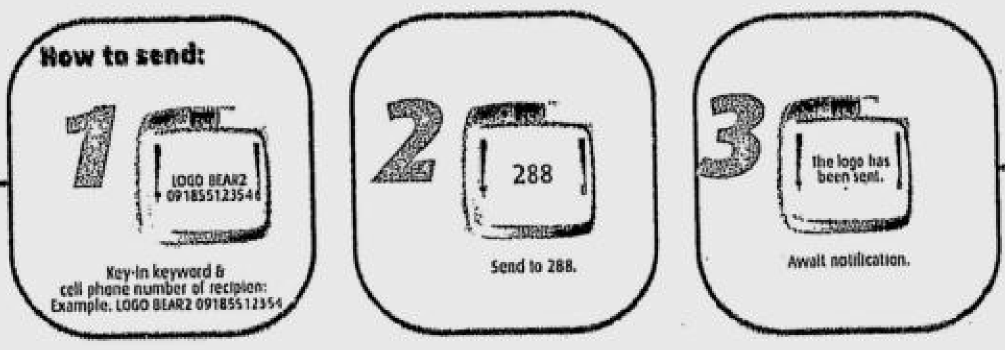

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Pay no heed to such messages. For all you know, they may be part of a plot by some cruel souls out there to sow terror and confusion on Election Day. Be extra careful, but don't give these criminals the satisfaction of depriving you of your precious vote.

Ecstasy can be shocking

WAS this their idea of a joke? Two female VJs reportedly went a bit too far when they drugged their unsuspecting male colleague by lacing his drink with Ecstasy in one of those all-night shindigs in Boracay.

The evil deed happened a few weeks ago, when two music channels held simultaneous beach parties at the summer destination.

No, the male VJ didn't go berserk or turn into a sex maniac. In fact, he seemed to have known all along what the pair of witches were up to. The poor guy seemed more shocked than angry that two supposedly wholesome girls could pull such a dirty trick. Maybe next time they should be given a dose of their own medicine.

Free speech

No hiding place

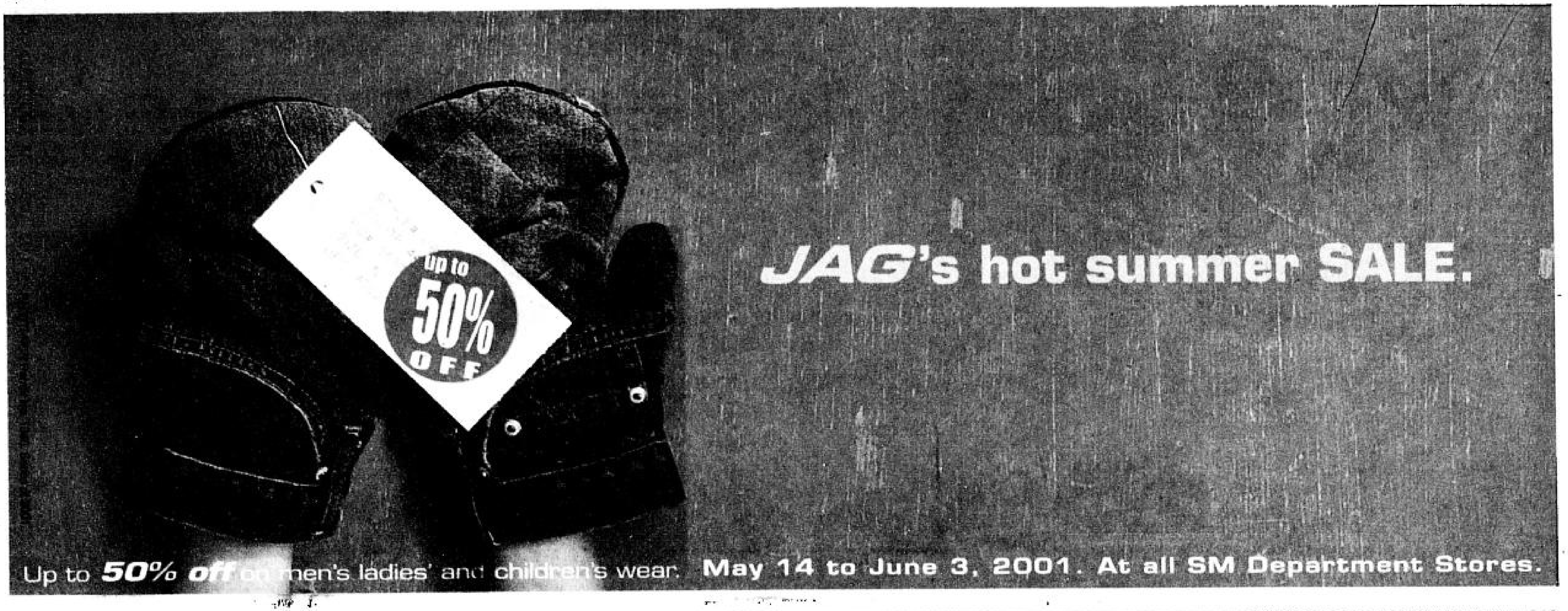
IN THE INTEREST of truth, **Marijo de la Rama-Mendoza** is correcting the news on the police and military raid on the family compound on May 2, as follows:

"Our family compound was raided by the police and military because my husband is a friend of Sen. **[Gringo] Honasan** and they believed he was hiding in our compound. To this day, I am so confused because my family has all along been supportive of keeping democracy in our country. We joined Edsa II and then there was a call for donations for soldiers guarding Malacañang and this we supported, too.

"Channel 2 and its cable network reported to the whole world that he was in our compound but escaped before the raid was conducted.

"Fact No. 1. The two cars shown leaving our compound were cars owned by two residents leaving for work. They were not the getaway cars of Senator Honasan and one of his supporters.

"Fact No. 2. Senator Honasan never came to the Ramos compound to hide."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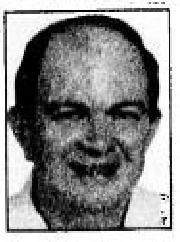

Jaime Picornell

CARLOS and **Mariquita Yeung** (née **Salimbangon**) had a multipronged celebration at their home in Nivel Hills. The setting was their newly relandscaped garden, which made the swimming pool look like a blue lagoon surrounded by shrubbery in a riot of summer blooms.

First and foremost, they were celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Mariquita S. Yeung Foundation. Then, it was the culmination of Operation Smile in Cebu, which is one of MSY Foundation's yearly activities. The occasion marks Mariquita's birthday as well as the couple's wedding anniversary (the 23rd this year).

And for an added fillip, it was the 18th birthday of a favorite niece, **Gigi**, daughter of **Edwin** and **Edna Salimbangon**. She looked lovely in baby blue and Auntie Ekit's diamonds. **Monette Aliño**, executive director of the MSY Foundation, stood atop those marble steps enumerating the occasions marked that evening and calling out the names of awardees, some 50 of them, led by Operation Smile's team leader Dr. **James Joaquino** and **Glenn Merritt** who came from Colorado and donated hospital equipment.

Operation Smile spent 10 intensive days at the Vicente Sotto Memorial Hospital operating on children and some adults disfigured by hare lips, cleft palates, burns and other accidents. The screening rendered 150 candidates from the poorest of the poor. In the end, 235 were treated.

Mariquita and Monette were hands-on at the operating rooms. A mother of five, **Edith Bensi** came from Lapu-Lapu City. Four of her children were born with hare lips, just like her. "You must have an operation, too," said Mariquita. Said and done. It is not just Operation Smile that MSY undertakes but a year-round program of charity clinics all over Cebu province, scholarship grants, aid to government schools in barrios and countless missions of mercy to the most needy.

In all these events, there was the presence of **Benjie Diola**, Mariquita's childhood playmate, who normally lives in Guam and directs theatricals there. Like Mariquita who is either in Hong Kong (where Carlos has his business) or London (where the children study), Benjie spends a lot of time in dear old Cebu where there is plenty to keep him busy. Like being president of the MSY Foundation, for instance.

Very supportive of all her charity undertakings are Mariquita's parents, **Martin** and **Milagros Salimbangon**, as well as her siblings, some of whom figure among the trustees of her foundation: **Ben Hur** and **Janice Salimbangon**, **César** and **Fely Salimbangon**, **Danilo Salimbangon**, **Freddie Salimbangon**, **Jose** and **Ophelia Cue**. Add to them the rest of the trustees: nephew **Chad Salimbangon**, Dr. **Clara Credo**, Dr. **Boyet Quitevis**, Dr. **Jose Maria Mercado**, Dr. **Vivina Yrastorza**, **Girlie Lim** and cousin **Flor Ynclino** who is the PRO.

MARIQUITA Yeung and Benjie Diola

TERESIN Mendezona, Mariquita Yeung and Flor Ynclino.

After the celebration, Mariquita, Benjie, Monette and **Alex Diola** were off to Vietnam as volunteers of Operation Smile there. Benjie returned to Cebu all excited about Spain's **Queen Sofia** planning a visit to Guam before the year is over. But more immediate is coordinating a grand ball Carlos and Mariquita are giving in Cebu on July 28 at their home.

It is to mark the 18th birthday of their youngest daughter, **Jewelle**. Her school friends from London are dancing the cotillion to the strains of waltzes by Strauss, performed by the Cebu-based Peace Philharmonic of the Philippines, conducted by **Rodel Flores**, and supervised to the last detail by **Ingrid Sala Santamaria**.

CARLOS Yeung with debutante niece Gigi Salimbangon, Dr. Carlos Delgado, Mariquita Yeung, Benjie Diola and Edna Salimbangon

MARIQUITA Yeung (right) with Editha Bensi who doesn't look this way anymore. Editha has five children, and four had to be operated by O, Smile. Editha had to be done, too, insists Mariquita

HANDS ON. Feet, too —Monette Aliño and Mariquita Yeung

Mother's Day trivia

By Maui V. Reyes

DON'T sleep with your hair wet, you'll lose your eyesight. Don't swallow santol seeds, or they'll grow in your tummy. Don't read with dim lights—you'll go blind. Well, okay, maybe that last one has some ounce of truth in it, but we all have our share of little known "facts" that our mothers passed on to us. Sure, they may not be trivia, and they may have been used to scare the living daylights out of us ("the *aswang* comes out late at night, and eats children who aren't asleep!"), but maybe it's time they heard a little trivia about *them*. Here are some Mother's Day trivia for mothers and kids alike to feed on!

● **Mrs. Feodor Vassilyev gave birth to 69 twins. The Russian housewife's brood includes 16 pairs of twins, 7 sets of triplets, and 4 sets of quadruplets.**

● On July 18, 1994, 63-year-old Rossanna Della Corte of Canino, Italy, became the oldest woman to give birth

● On October 28, 1929, while a plane was hovering over Miami, Mrs. T.W. Evans gave birth...making her the first woman to give birth on a plane.

● Anne M. Jarvis of Philadelphia is responsible for this whole Mother's Day thing...after the death of her mother on May 10, 1908. In 1914, it was declared as a holiday by presidential proclamation.

● Phone companies would be elated... More telephone calls are placed on Mother's Day than any other day of the year.

● *Castaway* Tom Hanks is related to Nancy Hanks. What's the big deal? She was Abraham Lincoln's mother.

● Bring on the chili: Pregnant mothers who eat heavily spiced foods or foods with lots of seasoning are more likely to have children born with hair on their head.

● Don't you wish this worked for you? A mother cat's purr acts as a homing device, announcing to her babies that nursing time has arrived. Kittens begin to purr in return at about one week of age — perhaps as a gesture of gratitude, or maybe as a request for milk — and continue to purr for the rest of their lives.

● Here's one thing you *don't* wish... very young kittens can't go to the bathroom by themselves. The mother cat stimulates them into going by licking their genital area after they've eaten. GWOSS!!!

● Here's something even *more* gross...in certain Eskimo tribes, it is customary for mothers to suck the snot from their baby's noses and spit it upon the ground.

● A third helping of the grossness factor. Baby elephants need tiny organisms to help them digest food. The thing is, they don't have these organisms at an early age. The result? They eat their mother's poop, which contain those organisms.

● Winston Churchill, who claimed that he could remember life inside his mother's womb, was born in the ladies room at a society ball.

● Now *this* is unconditional love! Australian scientists have identified some species of baby spiders that bite off the limbs of their mothers and slowly dine on them over a period of weeks, The researchers hypothesize the maternal sacrifice keeps the young from eating one another.

● Some people buy cards and flowers for both their girlfriends *and* mothers. But hitting two birds with one stone is exactly what the designer of the Statue of Liberty did...Charlotte Bartholdi, the mother of the designer of the statue, was the model for the head of the New York icon. The sculptor's girlfriend, Jeanne-Emilie, on the other hand, provided inspiration for the arms and body. Wouldn't it freak you out to have your mom connected to your girlfriend's body?

● In Kentucky, it is illegal to marry your wife's grandmother. Don't you work *down* the family tree, not *up*?

● The youngest grandmother that ever lived would probably be Mum-Zi, who already had a grandchild at age 17. A part of Chief AkKiri's Harem on the island of Calabar. Joining the harem aat 8 years old, she had a daughter at 8 years, 4 months, and her daughter became a mother at the age of 8, as well.

● Why milk? New mothers can produce 1 gallon of breast milk per day.

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ISABELO Castañeda (second from left), actress Lorna Tolentino and Mayor Mel Mathay cut the ceremonial ribbon formally opening Laffline. Looking on are the Castañeda brothers who own the place. Laffline is open 8 p.m.-3 a.m.

PHOTOS BY RANDY HORMILLOSA

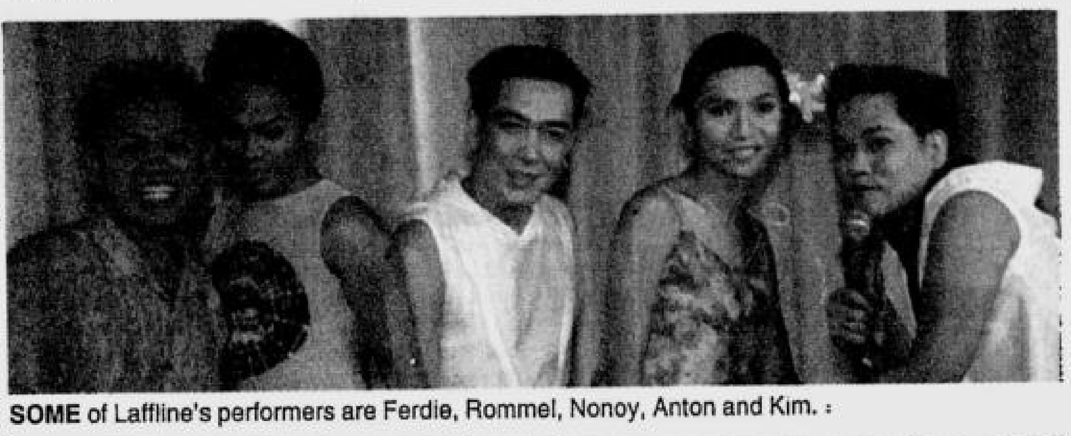
Sing along and laugh along

ALLAN K

LAUGHTER may be the best medicine, but since you can't buy it in a drugstore or get it from your doctor, get your dose of the giggles by going to Laffline on Timog Avenue, QC.

Run by the same group behind Punchline on Quezon Avenue, Laffline's lineup of performers includes Rey Kilay, Vice, Hans, Martin, Inday Garutay, Arnell Tamayo, Ferdie, Rommel, Nonoy, Valerie, Anton, Fudge, Patricia, RR, Trizsa, Kim, Teri, Clifford, Maria and Al. Exciting newcomers will also be featured every now and then.

Laffline, which can seat about 500, has a big parking area, classy façade, large stage with changeable backdrops, a video wall-like projector, elegant bar, state-of-the-art light and sound system, smoke busters and spacious restrooms.

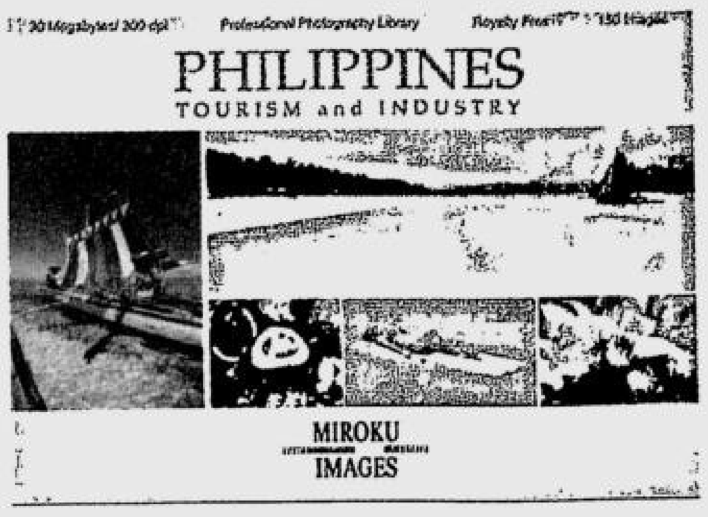


SOME of Laffline's performers are Ferdie, Rommel, Nonoy, Anton and Kim.

LLOYD Umali and Keempee de Leon

ROBERT Castañeda and Rudy Fuentes

New CD-ROM gives a glimpse of Philippine tourism



IT took a foreign company, the ingenuity of its Filipino staff and the determination to create something noble to help immortalize the country's rich culture.

Barely a year since its pre-operation in July 2000, Miroku Images Inc. has come up with "Philippines: Tourism and Industry," the country's first digital collection of high-resolution photos in CD-ROM.

"I really want to promote Philippine images and show how blessed we are as Filipinos," says Mylene Kasilag, country manager of Miroku Images. "And with the new trend of royalty-free images on CD plus the expertise of Daiichi System Graphics, we are able to produce quality imagery from the works of renowned Filipino photographers Donald Tapan, George Cabig and Lester Ledesma," Kasilag says.

This lexicon of Philippine images, composed of 150 beautiful photographs of festivals, churches, beaches, landmarks, agricultural and livelihood products, are readily available for the design of calendar, postcard, textbook, brochure and other promotional materials.

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Miroku Images is the Manila office of Hong Kong-based Daiichi Color Group Ltd. The company has one of the most extensive collection of images in the industry with over a hundred categories for stock photo library and royalty-free images on CD-ROM. It supplies advertising agencies, design studios, individual clients or other institutions' photo requirements.

Photo or image library is considered a young industry in the country having started only in 1985.

"It's the Department of Tourism which will benefit most from the CD," Kasilag says of the collection.

The DOT, through tourism attaché Araceli Soriano, lauded the project saying it is "a very impressive CD on Philippine attractions and destinations, an excellent impetus and source material for various researches and promotions on the Philippines."

Soriano adds, "It is one effective tool that would eventually serve to encourage people-to-people exchanges among countries which builds mutual respect and understanding of cultures.

"Philippines: Tourism and Industry" also provides a slide show ideal for viewing in school. The teacher can use the CD to show pictures of the Moriones festival or the Bogobos or the Aetas to provoke healthy debates and forums among students.

"Each image has a brief description to aid any researcher, author, publisher or designer of a book or website in their selection of images," says Kasilag.

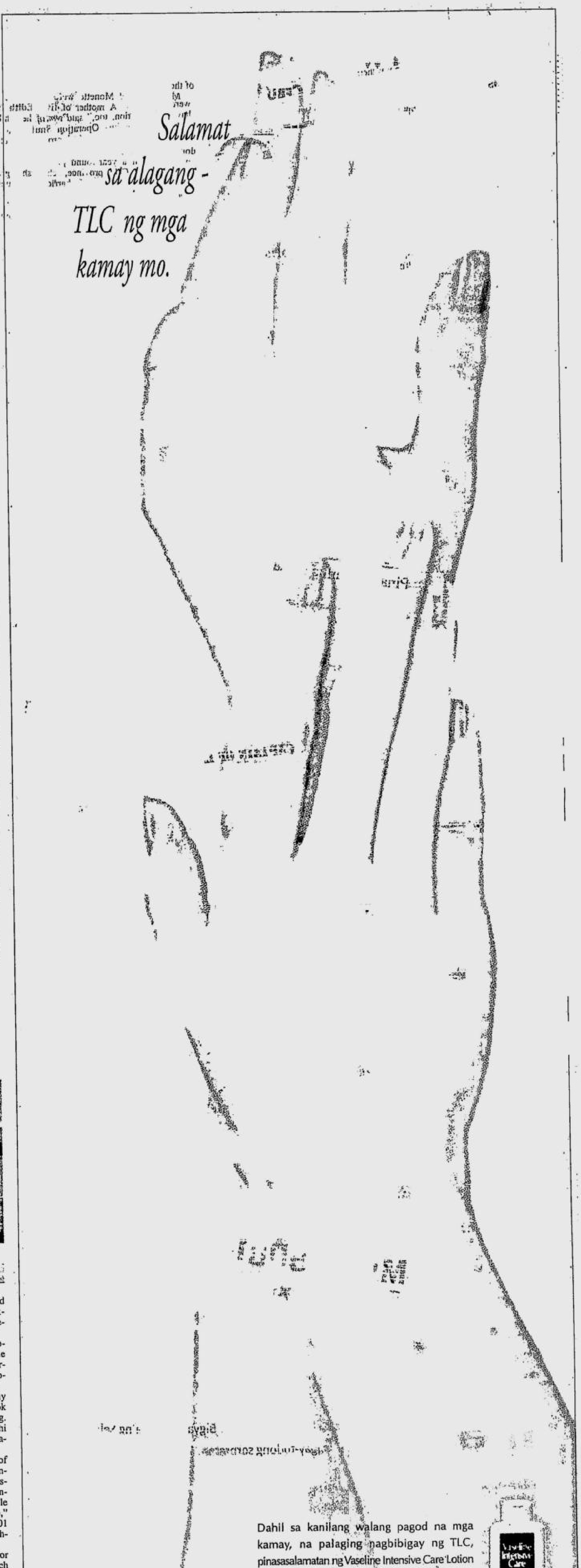
Miroku also markets its mother company Daiichi Color Group's main business, which is color separation and printing.

Daiichi prints annual reports such as that of United Coconut Planters Bank, WG&A, Rizal Commercial Banking Corp. and GMA Network Inc., glossy magazines including Pulp and Mabuhay, the inflight magazine of Philippine Airlines, coffee-table books like "Camp John Hay," "Yuchengco Group," "Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo" and with its latest "2001 Philippines Yearbook" and "Tawi-Tawi: The Southernmost Frontier."

Daiichi opened the first comprehensive color separation outfit in Southeast Asia in 1969, which later revolutionized the region's printing industry. It also pioneered stock photo library in Southeast Asia.

Asked what makes Miroku Images distinct, Kasilag says, "We are able to bring out the best-looking legacy of our people and our heritage."

For more information on the Philippines CD-ROM, you may call Miroku Images at 637-9788 to 89 or e-mail miroku@info.com.ph. *Joel V. Nigos*



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T'N'T Trends & Trendings

Filipino designs for chic Manhattanites

BY ANTON SAN DIEGO

MUST-GO-TO restaurant—Macau Pigeon House. Don't let the packed crowd discourage you. Perseverance will get you somewhere, or at least a table. Macau Pigeon House, with its authentic Chinese-Macaunese cuisine, is the latest talk of the town among the slew of new restaurants popping up all across the metro. The restaurant's interiors, a meld of modern and Chinese furnishings, were done by highly in-demand architect **Ivy Almario**. The restaurant specializes in pigeon dishes, but do try other mouthwatering items on the menu such as eggplant with Chinese *bagoong*, crispy Hong Kong noodles or their congee. The restaurant is located on the 3/F Rockwell mall (near the Cinema).

Diary of Constance Brooke San Lorenzo Pendelton: "Random Notes on People Power." This week in a rare moment of sobriety, our intrepid socialite and former Mare muses on recent events and the upcoming elections. She's not all beauty (surgery), money (dad's and husband's) and vodka (Stolichnaya), you know. This lady has a brain, too, and when the need arises, has a thing or two to say about the current political climate.

"'It was the best of times, it was the worst of times,' as Charles Dickens says in "A Tale of Two Cities.' Yes, quoted too often but you will see the benefits of a liberal education as I received at Bryn Mawr. To me this sums up what is going on in the Philippines today. On the one hand, it looks like we finally have a leader worth having. Steel under fire followed by grace in victory. What a class act! The fat man and his gang could learn a thing or two about elegance just by observing this woman, our President. For all their macho posturing where were they when their 'people' needed them? Twiddling their thumbs and trying to get out of the country, that's where!

"Look at that traitor to her class, **Jamby Madrigal**, meeting friends at the airport. For all her equestrienne pretensions, National Velvet she ain't. What about **Senators Enrile** and **Honasan**, I ask you? I can understand allegedly mounting one coup, but eight? The less said about Senator Bovina (I won't use her name but bovine refers to cows), the better. But I pity her. For her, every day is a bad hair day!

"On the other hand I was so terribly disturbed seeing all those poor people attacking Malacañang. I think it is awful that those terrible plotters have stripped even the dignity of this people. Quite apart from the money and shabu they were given, it seems to me that a true rage (albeit whipped up by those irresponsible plotters) fuelled their seemingly unstoppable attack. I think everyone should start to think about this. Perhaps our sometimes self-interested behavior has, in part, led to this?

IN VOGUE. Daniel Romualdez's work in the pages of US Vogue (May issue)

MUST-GO-TO restaurant—Macau Pigeon House

STYLISH ARCHITECT. Romualdez en route to one of his clients' project

"I was likewise quite disturbed to receive all those text messages about how 'stinky and stupid' the people at Edsa were. I never forwarded them because I didn't think they were called for. This is something the so-called 'upper classes' lack in the Philippines, a sense of noblesse oblige. How can I blame them when so many of these *oye oye* types are actually just children of San Miguel and Kraft deliverymen who had to make *tipid* to buy their houses in Alabang? I think a greater sense of noblesse oblige is called for, either that or a true, waspy upper class.

"Here's what I am going to do to help. First, I am going to get into charity work! Second, and perhaps more important, I am voting 13-0 in favor of the People Power Coalition (PPC). Yes, I know all my friends (or should I say ex-friends) are in the Puwersa ng Masa coalition even if I know all the PPC people don't seem to like me very much due to my supposedly *balimbing* tendencies. But I think it's time we all rose above our petty little concerns and finally did what's right for our, yes, *our* country, So it's 13-0 PPC for me!"

A Filipino in Vogue. In the May issue of US Vogue, a 10-page spread and an article written by the magazine's European editor at large, **Hamish Bowles**, calls architect and interior designer **Daniel Romualdez** the decorator of choice of Manhattan's "chicest young style setters." In the article, Daniel's mentor, "legendary tastemaker and Givenchy clad" **Deeda Blair** (a good friend of his family who lived here in Manila when her husband was US ambassador), speaks of how she helped Daniel take the right career path and get his first job.

Daniel is the son of **Kokoy** and **Juliet Romualdez**. His clients include such "Bright Young Things" as **Marina Rust**, **Tory Burch** and **Gigi Mortimer**. Defining his approach, Daniel says, "I think things should look inevitable, as though you just had freshened the place up a bit but the elements had always been there."

The '80s are back! Dance music diva **Sybil** is set to bring back the '80s groove with her hits like "Make It Easy on Me," "Don't Make Me Over" and the "Love I Lost" on May 19 at the NBC Tent. DJ **Joe Montes** will also be spinning the hit tunes of the decade. So time to bring out your dancing shoes, shoulder pads and topsiders. This one will surely be a blast! Tickets are available at the NBC Tent and office or call 882-1-NBC

10 ways to win in the election. May 14 will be a red-letter day for us Filipinos. I am hoping that we have matured a bit as voters and have moved away from the theory that guns, goons and gold make a winner. So to add spice and (some chuckles) to this year's elections, here's TNT's list on how to win an election.

1. Don't try to overthrow the present government. **2.** Don't wash your hands with alcohol right after shaking hands with the masses. **3.** Don't abandon your party (or try to leave the country) no matter what happens or else they will get back at you one way or another. **4.** Don't be married to an ousted President and wear orange rimless shades. **5.** Marry a superstar or be one yourself. **6.** Don't lie, forget to take your lithium or brandish a gun like a certain senator. **7.** When in a campaign sortie, sit next to a candidate that has more TV and news coverage so you will get noticed. **8.** Have loads of money to pay for your campaign, your wife's new wardrobe and face! **9.** Be in media. Start out by anchoring the news, right **Noli**? **10.** Keep the ballot boxes in your house.

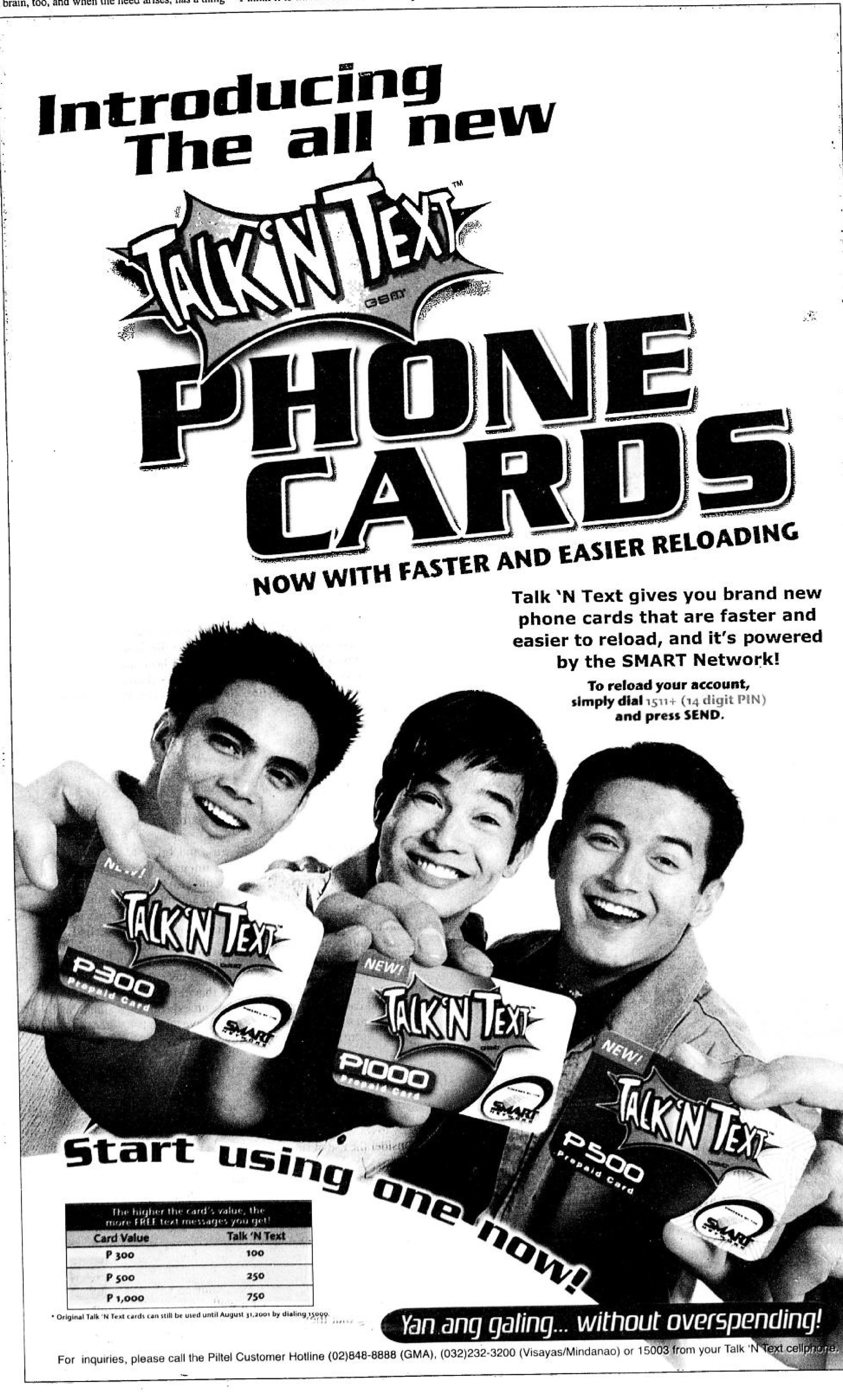
Happy Mother's Day. To say mothers are special is an understatement, and setting aside one day in a year as "their" day is not enough to show how much they are appreciated. Today being Mother's Day, allow me to take this opportunity to tell my mom how special she is in my life.

About a month ago, my mom suffered a stroke which left her right side paralyzed (my dad had a heart attack three weeks before her stroke). My mom loves ballroom dancing and is a lively and lovely person. One would think this could not happen to her. When events like this happen to you, it alters your life (not to mention it made me more of a hypochondriac) and causes you to think about what's important and what's not. I really thought my family and I would lose her. The day she was brought to the intensive care unit, my mom told my siblings and I: "No matter what happens, please know that I love you." I kidded, "Mom, nothing will happen to you. You haven't written your will yet." She laughed. Yet I could see the sadness and fear in her face.

Visiting her at the hospital, I would think of all the times I spent with her. As I watched her sleep, I would cry. Life does not prepare you for the loss of someone you love. You realize that people come into your life for a purpose yet you have no control over them. You have to learn to let go. They are with you only for a time and, if you cherish it, then it's time well spent.

As I write this, my mom has recovered. She is undergoing therapy and is slowly improving. Her doctor promises that she can get up and boogie (or maybe waltz; it's slower) in a month's time. So on this day (and every day), I would like my mom to know how much I love her and how much she means to me. Happy Mother's Day!

E-mail comments to asd_world@hotmail.com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MOTHER'S Day

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For all mothers: show you're human

THIS is for all the mothers who froze their buns off on metal bleachers at soccer games Friday night instead of watching from cars, so that when their kids asked, "Did you see my goal?" they could say "Of course, ' wouldn't have missed it for the world," and mean it. This is for all the mothers who have sat up all night. with sick toddlers in their arms, wiping up barf laced with Oscar Mayer wieners and cherry Kool-Aid saying, "It's OK honey, Mommy's here." This is for all the mothers of Kosovo who fled in the night and can't find their children. This is for the mothers who gave birth to babies they'll never see. And the mothers who took those babies and made them homes. For all the mothers who run carpools and make cookies and sew Halloween costumes. And all the mothers who DON'T.

What makes a good mother anyway? Is it patience? Compassion? Broad hips? The ability to nurse a baby, fry a chicken, and sew a button on a shirt, all at the same time? Or is it heart? Is it the ache you feel when you watch your son disappear down the street, walking to school alone for the very first time? The jolt that takes you from sleep to dread, from bed to crib at 2 a.m. to put your hand on the back of a sleeping baby?

The need to flee from wherever you are and hug your child when you hear news of a school shooting, a fire, a car accident, a baby dying? I think so. So this is for all the mothers who sat down with their children and explained all about making babies. And for all the mothers who wanted to but just couldn't. This is for reading "Goodnight, Moon" twice a night for a year. And then reading it again. "Just one more time." This is for all the mothers who mess up. Who yell at their kids in the grocery store and swat them in despair and stomp their feet like a tired 2-year-old who wants ice cream before dinner. This is for all the mothers who taught their daughters to tie their shoelaces before they started school. And for all the mothers who opted for Velcro instead.

For all the mothers who bite their lips—sometimes until they bleed—when their 14-year-olds dye their hair green. Who lock themselves in the bathroom when babies keep crying and won't stop. This is for the mothers who show up at work with spit up in their hair and milk stains on their blouses and diapers in their purse. This is for all the mothers who teach their sons to cook and their daughters to sink a jump shot.

This is for all the mothers whose heads turn automatically when a little voice calls "Mom?" in a crowd, even though they know their own offspring are at home.

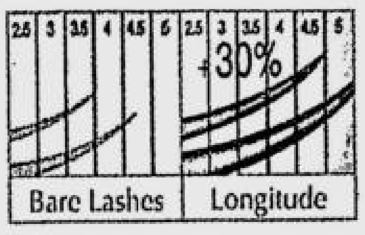
This is for mothers who put pinwheels and teddy bears on their children's graves. This is for mothers whose children have gone astray, who can't find the words to reach them.

This is for all the mothers who sent their sons to school with stomachaches, assuring them they'd just be FINE once they got there, only to get calls from the school nurse an hour later asking them to please pick them up. Right away. This is for young mothers stumbling through diaper changes and sleep deprivation. And mature mothers learning to let go.

For working mothers and stay-at-home mothers. Single mothers and married mothers. Mothers with money, mothers without. This is for you all. So hang in there.—Author unknown (www.motherandchildrenetc.com)

Take your lashes to the limit

Charm her with your Chamdor



THERE are many ways to compliment the best mom in the world for everything she has done. You may open up and show how much you value her unselfish efforts. Or hold and keep her in high spirits and great mood. You can pour your emotions in doing what she likes best. And cheer her up in times of trials and anxiety. Better yet, share that sparkling moment together. This calls for a Chamdor celebration.

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Mascara tips

MILLA is wearing Longitude Mascara in Black

Bid adieu to short and skimpy lashes

To fake foot long lashes, "coat mascara as usual, then use the tip of the wand to add an extra coat just to the very end of the lashes," suggests Helen Robertson, a Los Angeles makeup artist.

Smear campaign

If you smudge easily, apply just one ultra-thin coat to top lashes only. "Then run an eyelash comb through the lashes. This prevents clumpy mascara build-up, which can flake onto your under eye area, mix with your skin's natural oils and smear," advises De Fontbrune.

Contact complications

If you have contact lenses, your eyes may get easily irritated or smeared if you use mascara. You need a mascara that is both waterproof and super gentle. "When you buy a mascara, try to open the tube so you can smell the wand," suggests Robertson. "A strong chemical smell usually indicates a harsh irritating formula."

Faking fake lashes

Apply one coat of mascara, dab translucent powder (such as Feel Naturale Loose Powder) onto lashes and then apply a second coat.

Dangerous curves

For special occasions, you may want to use an eyelash curler to open up your eyes and create a flirtier, wide-eyed look. To get long-lasting results, heat a metal eyelash curler with a blowdryer on high for ten seconds. Allow the curler to cool for five seconds, touch to ensure it's not too hot and curl. Still scared to try eyelash curlers? Opt for the fuss-free way to curl your lashes—use a lash curling mascara (like Le Grand Curl by L'Oreal)

Bare lashes and Longitude

LONGITUDE is the newest mascara from L'Oreal Paris which promises to lengthen lashes by as much as 30 percent. It has a patented formula developed by L'Oreal Paris laboratories, combining Extensel technology (a complex made of two polymers whose DNA structure helps create a lengthening effect that coats each lash from root to tip) and Ceramide R (conditions and smoothens lashes). Extensive tests carried out in France and Asia demonstrate the following benefits of Longitude:

- Extra long lashes
- Precise amount of mascara on brush
- Separate lashes very effectively
- Does not clump
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'Turn the tables around' on Mom

LET'S face it, there's no other person in the world that has made a greater impact on you than your mother. Even if you don't have a close relationship to her as an adult, she was there during your formative years. She's the one who introduced you to your first tastes of food, cheered your efforts at crawling and walking, showed you how to use a crayon, and read you bedtime stories. She's also the one who changed your dirty diapers and introduced you to the joys of potty training.

It's mom's taste in clothing that helped you develop your own preferences. If you liked how she dressed you, her style was emulated. If you hated her choice of clothes then you rebelled and wore things she would never dream of buying. Whether you liked her taste in music or not, no self-respecting teenager would ever listen to the same music as her mom and so you discovered new music on your own. As you watched her socialize, you learned about dealing with people and the type of individual you liked or disliked. Like it or not, you are largely her creation.

That's why we celebrate Mother's Day. It's time to let Mom know how much we appreciate her influence in our life and give her a little mothering in return. If you are the father of young children and are reading this, it's also the day to show your wife how much you appreciate the influence she has on your children.

At each stage of motherhood, a woman has different responsibilities and, consequently, different personal needs. This article would take you through the special things you can do to mother Mom at each of three stages: a mom to young children; a mom to school age kids; and a mom to adult children.

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Always behind the success of the human race, mothers constantly urge the next generation to do better, go further.

Breakfast for the mom of tots

What does the mother to the baby, toddler and pre-school set need? More than anything else, the mother of tots needs uninterrupted time. How we use that time may not even be as self-indulgent as taking a bath (although that would be nice.) No, we need time to feel like we're accomplishing something more than preparing and cleaning up after the next meal. Time to get the house a little bit cleaner and more organized. Time alone to think things out that have been on our mind.

It would be nice to have time to tackle creative projects we've been wishing to complete such as redecorating a room, completing a scrapbook or writing a story. It would be great to have a few hours to read a few chapters in a book without sticky fingers tugging to be taken outside to play.

Actually it would be nice to have some time to enjoy our own kids as their grandparents do. That means without the responsibility of worrying about their needs or the household. Without having to be the bad guy that sets their boundaries all day. Having the time to just enjoy them for the little gifts they are before they grow up under our noses while we're too busy doing things to notice.

We would not look down our noses at a gift certificate for a manicure, a bottle or our favorite bubble bath or a little charm with our children's names on it. If any mom needs some pampering, it's the mom of tots who literally gives her body along with her heart to her children. A gift certificate for a date with Dad would be another welcome treat, especially if arrangements have already been made with a babysitter.

Finally, moms love those little homemade creations that come from their children's hearts such as cards, vases made from pickle jars, and pictures to hang on the refrigerator. Flowers that were picked in the garden before mom was up in the morning are sure to make her smile. And breakfast delivered in bed by those sweet, little faces and chubby hands will be the tastiest breakfast all year.

Surprise her with a gift...

...or with a simple act of love.

Lunch for the mom of school kids

The little ones eventually grow older and the demands on mom change. Once the children are in school, mom becomes a chauffeur for playdates, extracurricular activities and trips to the mall. Now she is homework advisor and emotional sounding board as her children navigate the stormy waters of cliques in grade school and dating in later years.

Of course this mom is also still involved with keeping the household from becoming a sea of papers, athletic shoes and dirty laundry. She is still cooking most of the meals and making sure her children aren't subsisting on potato chips, soft drinks and chocolate chip cookies (even if that's all she has time to eat all day!)

What would this mom like for Mother's Day? This mom would love a day off from carpooling and everyone else's activities. To be included in an activity with her older children, not just left behind with a quick wave and a slam of the car door would be appreciated.

A mother of two teenagers and a gradeschooler says, "For Mother's Day, a day off from driving would be great. But so would seeing the kids make their beds, put away their wash and clean up the bathroom without having to ask. Best of all and hardest of all, I'd like to see them stop bickering with each other. A few other niceties would be coming to the table on the first call, keeping the music volume lowered, answering the phone (the call is usually for one of them anyway), kissing me goodnight or offering a hug more often."

If you're looking to purchase a gift for this mom, buy tickets to something she would enjoy and go with her. It could be a musical, the ballet, the opera, a rock concert or even the movies. Take her out to a high tea. Purchase CDs of relaxing music that she can enjoy because the kids have taken a break from their loud music on her day.

Breakfast from the child is physically and spiritually filling.

Dinner for the mom of grown-up children

So the children have finally flown the coop and left Mom and Dad with an empty nest. Does that mean Mom is out of work? Not at all. Mom's job has transformed into the role of senior advisor, sometimes financial assistant and overall moral supporter. She may also become "GrandMom", which brings its own set of joys and challenges.

GrandMom is coach to a new generation of Moms. She is adoring babysitter to her grandkids. And she is like another parent to them, but with no strings attached.

Like the Mom to tots, this Mom is also looking for time. But the time she wants is usually a little different. She wants more time with her children and grandchildren. She wants to know that her efforts were appreciated and that her grown children know just what a force she has been in their lives. This Mom would like to enjoy the fruits of her labors and to see that she has built an enduring family structure that will continue into future generations.

A visit from all her children and their offspring will make this Mom most happy. But hey, she wouldn't turn down flowers, cards, a gift certificate to a fine restaurant, or even a trip to Hawaii if you feel inspired. This Mom has the time to enjoy life and the finer pleasures. So give her thanks, give her gift certificates and give her your time. Cook up a wonderful dinner for her on Mother's Day and let her sit back and watch what a wonderful and capable adult you have finally become. ***Donna Pilato, www.about.com.***

Cook up a wonderful dinner for her on Mother's Day and let her sit back and watch what a wonderful and capable adult you have finally become

Treat her out to shopping--using your credit card--for a change

Mothers 2001: a 'Ritratto' of perfection

RITRATTO recognizes the importance of the modern Filipina mother and has come up with a special Mother's Day collection for all mothers and daughters. The limited clothes line will be available in all Ritratto Stores for the month of May. Clothes for the mother and daughter features similar cuts and prints, thus making dressing up a special bonding session for mother and daughter.

The Filipina Mother has evolved. From the traditional homemaker, cooking and keeping house for her man and her children, "Mother" has become more ebullient, colorful and multi-faceted. Faced with the Herculean task of taking care of her children and keeping her career, she has evolved into the total woman, a jack-of-all trades.

As we celebrate Mother's Day, Ritratto is one with all the Filipino mothers and their families in keeping the spirit of the modern mother alive. Its line continuously adapts to the ever-changing times—that the mother doesn't only belong to the house—she belongs to the world.

Fathers and sons have a special bond. So do mothers and daughters. Girl talks about boys, love and beauty are only some of the things that fathers would not understand. This bond ties mothers and daughters the way a father and a daughter would never be. Clothes that speak of these bonds are clothes that speak of ease, of style. Clothes that speak of sensibility, of reliability, and of style. Ritratto clothes speak of comfort and confidence, of beauty and grace—attributes befitting a Filipino mother and daughter.

The limited Mother's Day collection of Ritratto features clothes that are for the mother and daughter. Prints and cuts are almost the same, with only the sizes differing. Catch these outfits and make the bonding more creative and innovative.

Celebrate Mother's Day with Ritratto. Ritratto Stores are located at Glorietta 3, Robinsons Manila, SM Megamall and in Bacolod City.

MOTHERS and daughters bond together with their identical Ritratto dresses

RITRATTO introduces the Mother's Day collection in colorful summer colors

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Discovery Spa pays tribute with facial, body treatments

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Discovery Spa is on the fourth floor of Discovery Center on ADB Avenue near corner Julia Vargas Avenue, Ortigas Center, Mandaluyong City.

For details on Mother's Day Specials, call 636-8899.

Dinner treat at ATC

THE Alabang Town Center, the premier community mall in the South, prepared a special dinner treat for moms and their families with a special premother's day dinner show at the Town Plaza May 12.

The dinner show started at 7 p.m. with balladeers Janno Gibbs and Ogie Alcasid accompanied with a live band, and arranged by Archie Castillo.

ATC also prepared special Mother's Day kits with the purchase of the ticket as a value treat for all mothers. Mothers were pampered with discounts and freebies for a mother's day shopping spree at the mall from Acme Jewelry, Flower Farm, Powerbooks, Terrie's Boutique, Designer Blooms, Filipino Bookstore, Bally, Esteem Fashion Square, Regine's, CANS, Jesi Mendez, Berde Plants, Body Shop, Fino, Beauty Bar, Sari-Sari, and Moissanite.

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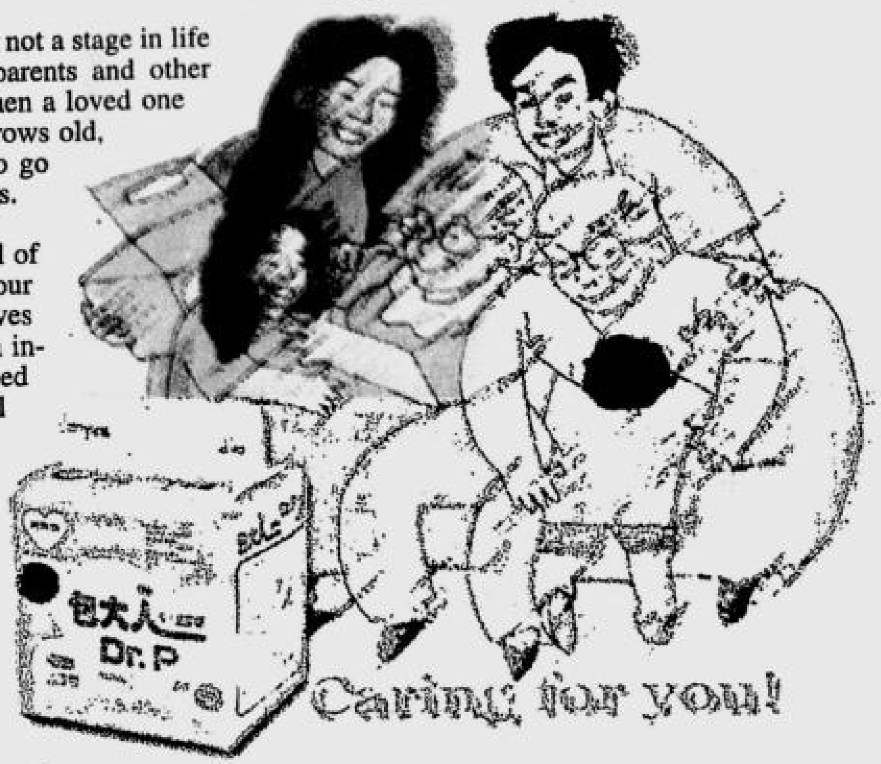
When our love grows old

IF WE THINK about it, old age is not a stage in life that's exclusively for our grandparents and other aging members of the family. When a loved one retires, becomes bedridden and grows old, the children or grandchildren also go through the changes old age brings.

It is a special time for all of us.

Elderly life ushers in a reversal of roles within the family. It is now our turn to care for our aging relatives who nurtured and guided us from infancy. Now that our elderly loved ones begin to lose physical strength, youth and independence, they become like our children needing comfort, love and attention. We are now to bear the lamp in their twilight years.



Maybe people grow old because we need to be reminded of the more important aspects of life. Old age is indeed a precious moment for the younger caregivers to express gratitude, respect and generosity to parents and grandparents. The changing hands of time bring with it a continuity of the circles of love and care passed on from generation to generation. Ultimately, love never grows old, and only love transcends time.

Yes, old age can be one of the most rewarding parts of life, not just for our old timers but for the whole family.

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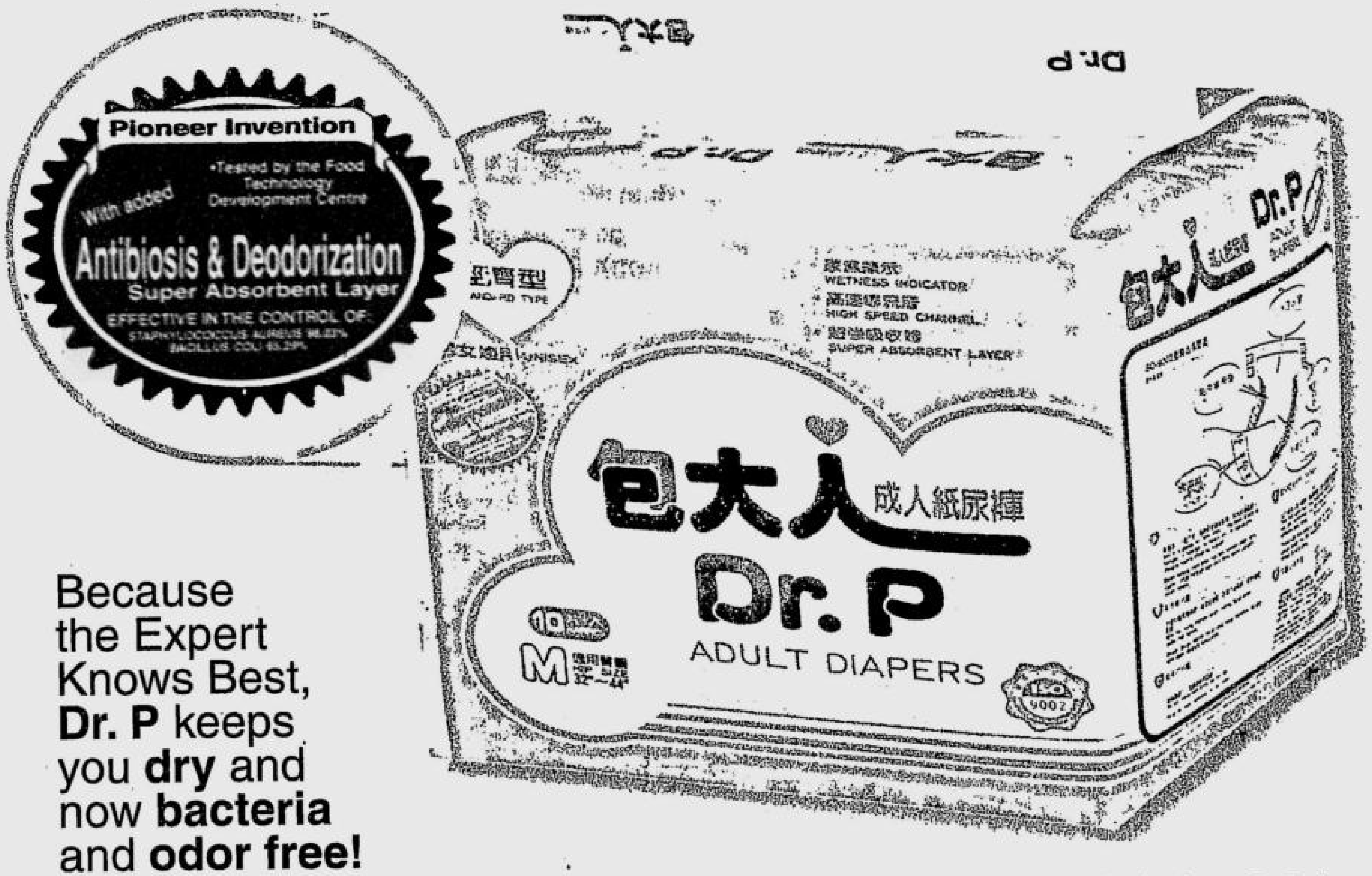

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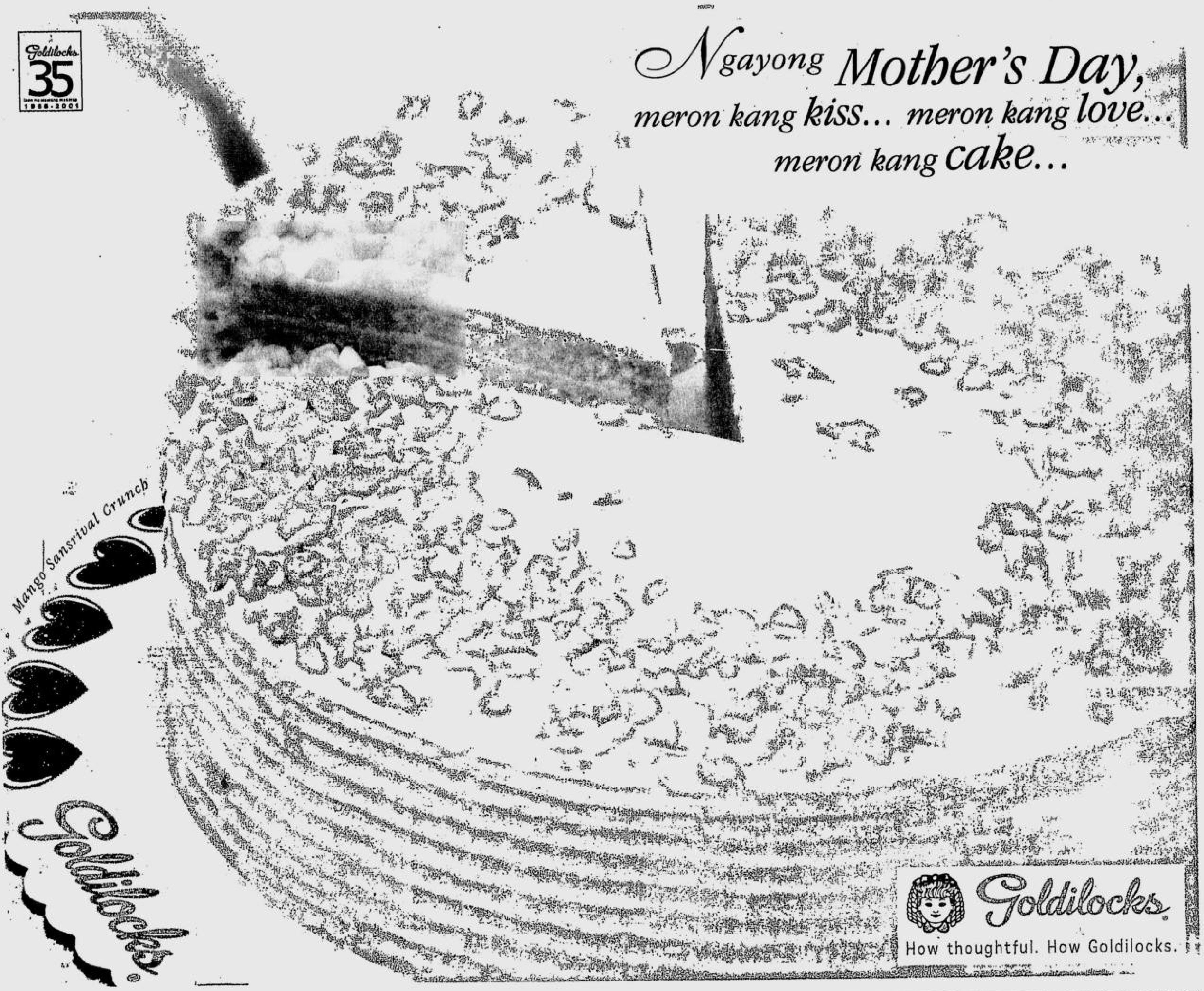

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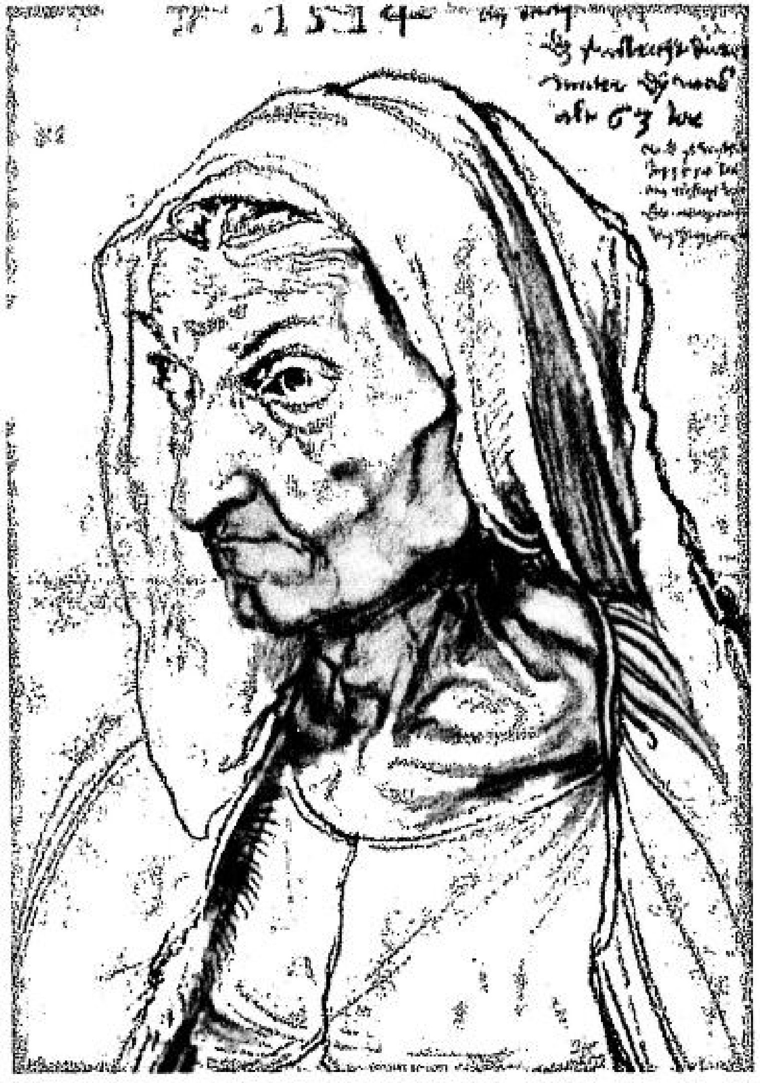
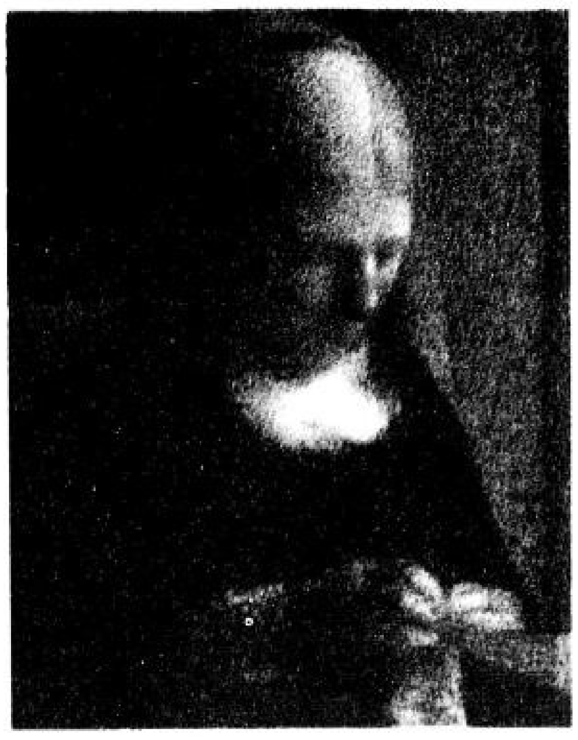
Mother, from the eyes of artists

THE THEME of "Mother" and/or "Mother and Child" is common in the art of all cultures, and has appeared in paintings, sculptures and prints from the beginning of time to present day. From the Mother Goddess figure Venus of Willendorf to Whistler's "Arrangement in Grey and Black" (better known as "The Artist's Mother"), artists and craftspeople have looked to mothers as a source of inspiration.

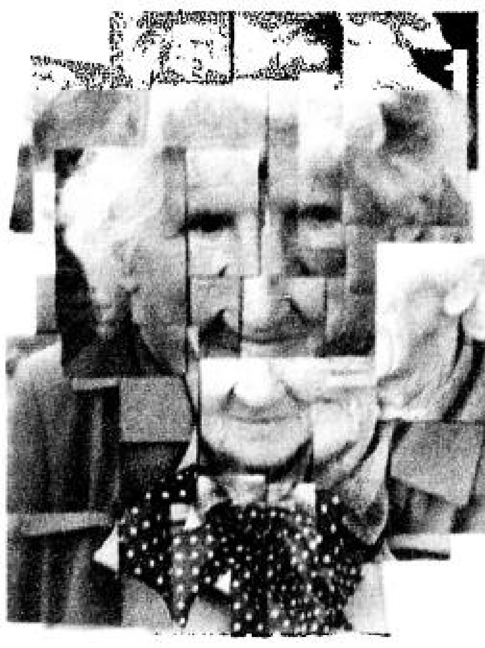
Andrea Mulder-Slater from about.com presents a Mother's Day art tour of her top ten favorite art history mothers.



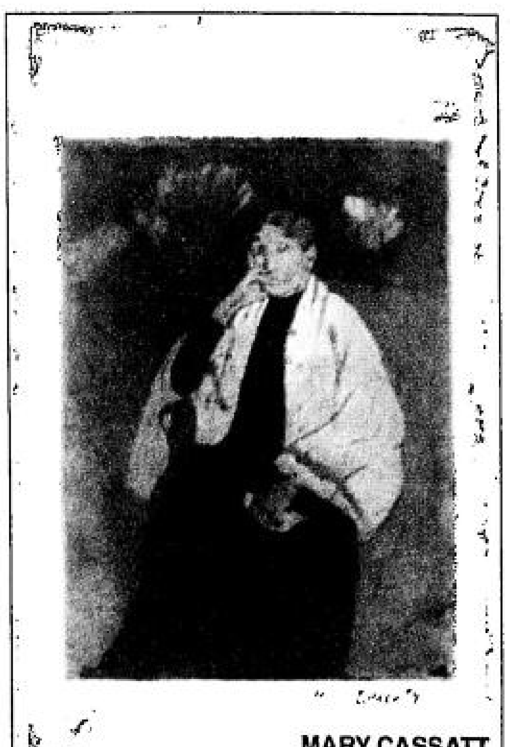
ALBRECHT DURER
Portrait of Durer's Mother, 1514
Charcoal on paper



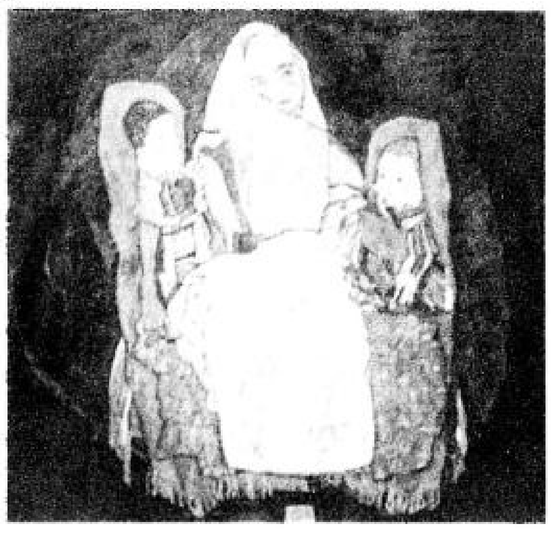
GEORGES SEURAT
La mère de l'artiste (The artist's mother) 1882-83
conté crayon on paper



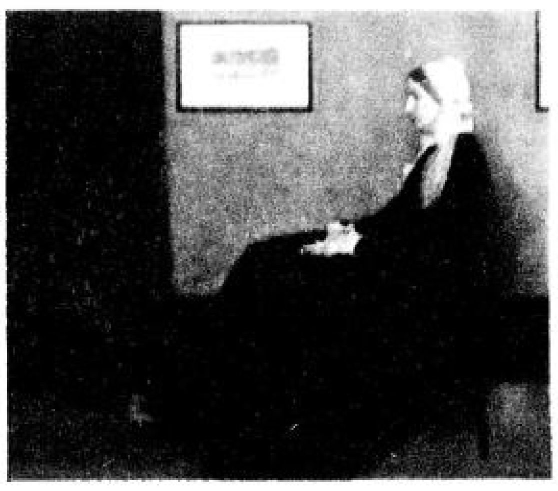
DAVID HOCKNEY
Mother I, Yorkshire Moors,
August 1985 #1, 1985
Photographic collage, 18 1/2" x 13"



MARY CASSATT
Portrait of the Artist's Mother, 1889

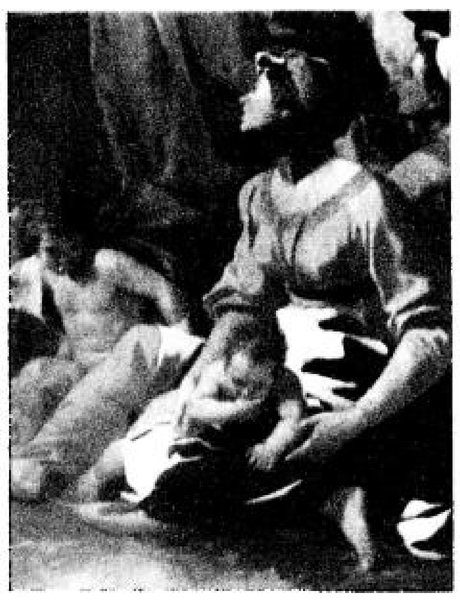


EGON SCHIELE
Mother and
Two Children,
1917, Oil on canvas

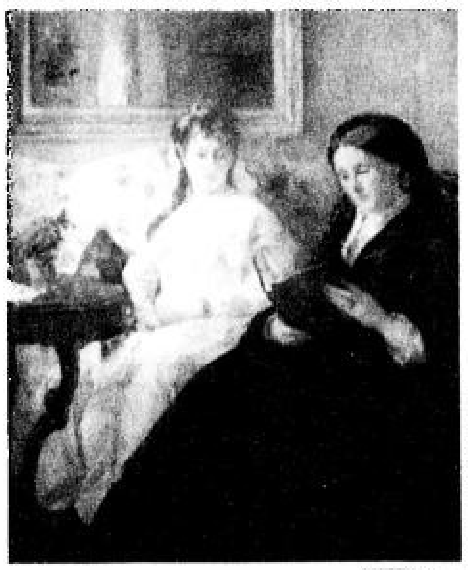


JAMES ABBOTT MCNEILL WHISTLER
Arrangement in
Grey and Black:
Portrait of the
Painter's Mother
known as
"Whistler's Mother",
1871, Oil on canvas,
56 3/4" x 64"

ARTIST UNKNOWN
Venus of Willendorf
24,000-22,000 BC
Oolitic limestone
43/8 inches high
Venus of Willendorf

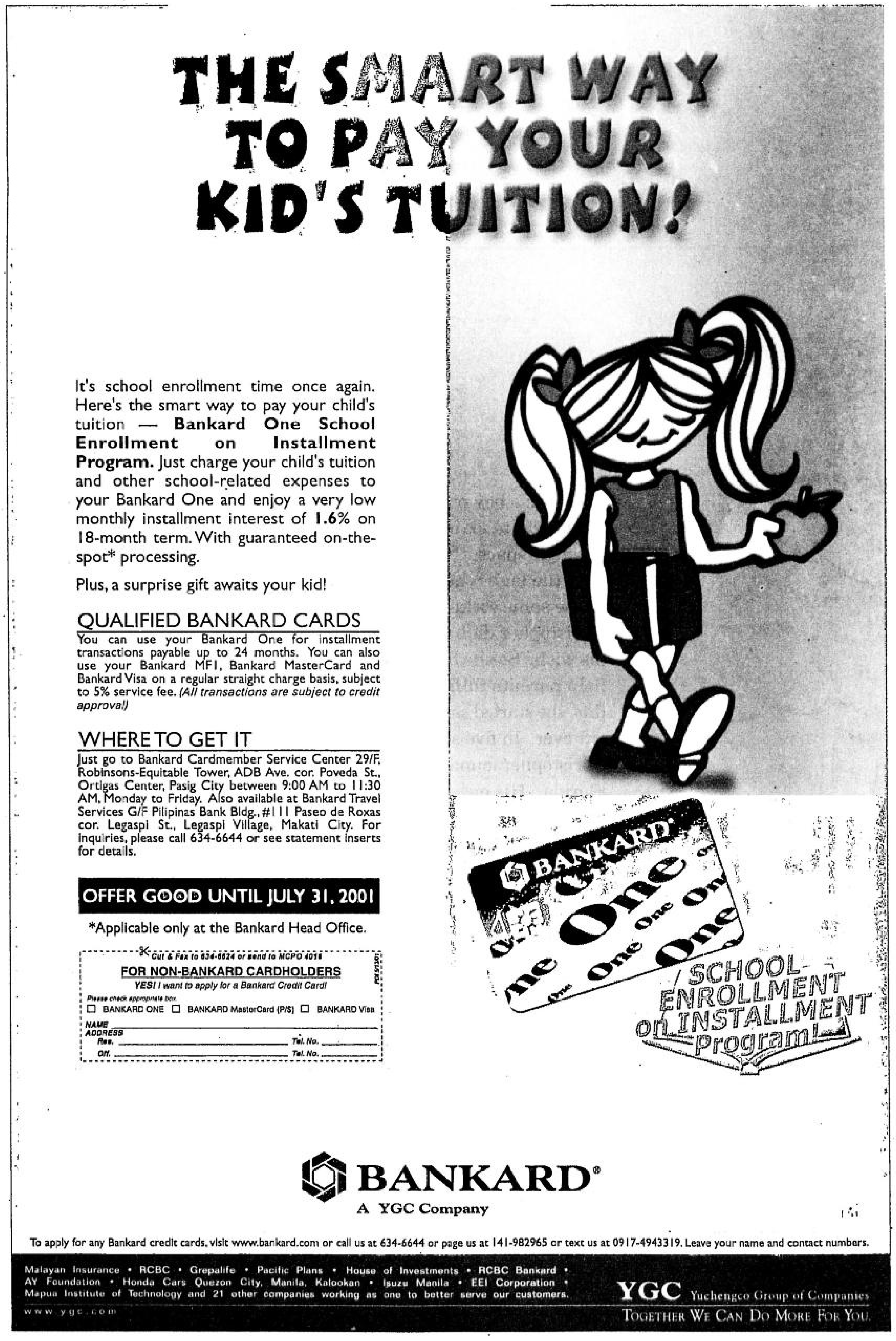


NICOLAS POUSSIN
The Adoration of the
Golden Calf: Detail of
mother with child, 1633-36,
Oil on canvas



BERTHE MORISOT
La lecture Reading (The
Mother and Sister of the
Artist), 1869-1870
Oil on canvas, 39 3/4" x 32 1/4"

JACQUES LIPCHITZ
Mother and Child
Bronze, 4' 3"



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21st Annual Mother's Day Awards set at Philamlife

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THE NATION will again witness the "biggest and pioneer Mother's Day event since 1980" when the 21st Annual Gintong Ina Awards pays tribute to Filipino mothers who are achievers in public service, education, entertainment and other fields.

Due to the May 14 National Election, the awarding ceremonies of the 21st Annual Gintong Ina Awards will be held on May 27 (Sunday), instead of May 13, at 4 p.m. at the Philamlife Theater. President Gloria M. Arroyo was invited as keynote speaker and presentor. Guest presentors include DECS Secretary Raul S. Roco, popular newscaster Mel Tiangco and Senator Loren Legarda-Leviste.

Now on its 21st year, the 2001 Gintong Ina Awards is sponsored by Coca-Cola, Tropical Hut, Goldilocks, Dunkin Donuts, Anmum Milk, Blanco's Flowers, E.T. Dizon Travel Corporation, Tamaraw Group of Companies, Lili Jewellery, Vaseline Shampoo and Wyeth Philippines in cooperation with the Golden Mother & Father Foundation and the National Mother's Day & Father's Day Council.

Top entertainers are led by Asia's Princess of Songs Emma Cordero, Jaya, Elizabeth Ramsey, Mary Joyce Seneres, Imelda Papin and other noted entertainers. This year's 2001 Mother's Day and Gintong Ina chair is Sis. Vickie C. Dizon. Other project officers include Jonathan N. Navea (president), lawyer Imelda C. Isidoro and Justice Regina O. Benitez (awards chairpersons), Rev. Sonia Y. Lim, Governor Justo and Baby Ortiz, director Willie Schneider, dean Amelia P. Mapagu, Lily Nicolas, Timoteo Bicog, Wrheckz D. Belen, Geraldine Ginete and Primo Domingo as project director.

The Tamaraw's Men in White will provide the grand escort to the awardees and honorees. Hosts are Jerry go with Flexi Sarte and Mel Tiangco.

President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo will be conferred the Ina ng Bayan Award, the premier award conferred on exemplary public servant and ideal mother.

This year's Gintong Ina special citation awardees are led by Dr. Dalisay A. Sulit of Illinois, USA as Gintong Ina-USA while the Ilaw ng Tahanan awardee, a mother of 12 children from Iligan, is Gloria C. Averilla.

Asian Mother awardee is Chung Hae Kim of Korea while the Golden Globe Mother awardee is Georgina F. Kelly from Canada.

The Teodora Alonzo awardee for education are former dean Marietta T. Paragas, Dr. Rosario F. Reyes, Angela R. Guillermo, Consuelo V. Farochilen and professor Elena E. Salvador.

The Gintong Ina Single Parent awardees are Zenaida "Mommy" Napiza, Elvie Pineda and Annabelle V. Graza. The late jeweler Fe S. Panlilio and the late Philippine Star publisher Betty Go-Belmonte will be conferred the Gintong Ina Special Posthumous award.

The Golden Heart awardees are Angelita Y. Peralta, Henedina N. Cajigal, Estela C. Chua, Olivia de Vega and Constancia M. Santos.

The Gintong Ina Sectoral awardees are Representative Josephine DC. Dominguez, Dr. Rosario T. Azanza, Mayor Betty C. Cabal, director Virginia P. Davide, Chita R. Curameng and Gracia M. Braña (government and public service);

Justice Angelina A. Ramirez (law and judiciary); Margarita "Tingting" Cojuangco (media and journalism); Estelita A. Macalaguim, Juliet Chan, Lolita Dayo, Renee Mercado, Lucy N. Laggui, Elvie R. Estuita and Elena P. Sebuguero (socio-civic/religious);

Leonor Orosa-Goquingco (arts and culture); Trinidad M. Nevada, Gloria G. Navarro, Carolina N. Villavicencio, Dona Cecilia Hortaleza, Marita G. Tañedo, Eugenia Z. Marte, Aurea Lee and Ameenah "Ina" Fajardo (business and industry)

Venus P. Manuel, Iladia B. Blanco, Estella F. Lim, Mei-Ling D. Yadao and Puring Nuguid (domestic and enterprise).

Dr. Vivian S. Sarabia and Dr. Concordia M. Pascual (medicine and allied sciences); Patricia Gotiangco, Estrella Z. Gallardo and Alma O. Mendoza (domestic and enterprise) and Melecia M. Padilla (professional).

The Gintong Ina Home and Family awardees are Enrica M. Cordero, Ines Iman-Clemen, Lilia G. Garcia, Alice Manganaan, Maria A. Cueto, Mary Ann Florendo, Carmelita E. Abastillas and Maria G. Rababo.

The Gintong Ina Celebrity Mother awardees are Mikee Cojuangco-Jaworski, Liza Macuja-Elizalde, Regine Tolentino-Perez, Ai-Ai delas Alas and Marjorie Barretto-Padilla (entertainment);

Dr. Grace Palacio-Beltran and Dr. Vickie Bello (medicine and allied sciences); lawyer Nancy Quimpo (law and judiciary);

Katrina Ponce-Enrile, Lilia Adina, Tina Maristela-Ocampo and Tess Vanden Berghe (business and industry); Mayor Vilma Santos-Recto and Senator Loren Legarda-Leviste (public service);

Lourdes M. Reyno (domestic and enterprise); Mel Tiangco and Ces Orena-Drilon (media and journalism) and Mrs. World first runner-up Maricel G. Morales (professional).

The Gintong Ina Award is the country's biggest and pioneer Mother's Day event since 1980 founded by civic leader Jonathan Navea. Father's Day Gintong Ama for Outstanding Fathers nomination are also now being accepted at Unit 301, Reyes Bldg., 916 Aurora Boulevard, Cubao, Quezon City, telephone numbers. 421-1293, 437-7534; cell 0919-5982525; pager 125-1085626.

The Gintong Ina awardees should at least be 50 years old, except for the celebrity mother-achiever awardees, and should be achievers in their chosen fields of endeavor and at the same time should have raised a generally successful family.

The Mother's Day celebration in the Philippines is covered by Presidential Proclamation No. 266 and was signed by former President Corazon C. Aquino declaring Mother's Day every second Sunday of May and Father's Day every third Sunday of June as official national events.

Historical background

Mother's Day is actually more than a 9-decade old celebration, which originated from the United States. In the Philippines, Mother's Day was unknown until a group headed by civic leader and journalist Jonathan Navea (together with the Mother's Day Movement headed by business tycoon Samie Lim) popularized the affair in 1980 as a dedication to Filipino mothers, as inspired by his love for his own late mother, the late educator dean Nieves Nazareno-Navea.

Now on its 21st year, "Alay Kay Inay" is the country's biggest festive entertainment event, which features the Annual Gintong Ina Awards and the Celebrity Mother and the Ideal Mother-Achiever Awards. The event highlights Mother's Day every second Sunday of May.

The affair also features popular entertainers and personalities making the event entertaining and commemorative. It is usually ushered in with a special Mother's Day Mass and Marian Floral Offering. An essay-writing contest, mother-and-child exhibit and other commemorative events are also being undertaken. Sponsoring organizations are the National Mother's Day and Father's Day Council and the Golden Mother and Father Foundation (GMFF) together with the Parents and Family Council.

These same groups headed by Navea founded and popularized Father's Day--primarily launching "Alay Kay Itay" and "Gintong Ama Awards" every third Sunday of June as counterpart major activities of Mother's Day.

The persistent efforts of the group paid off when Navea was able to lobby the issuance of Presidential Proclamation No. 255 signed by former President Corazon Aquino declaring Mother's Day and Father's Day as official national events. The Gintong Ina (Outstanding Mother of the Year) project has become the biggest and pioneer tribute to mother's since 1980, which honors not only Filipino mothers, but also mothers worldwide through the Golden Mother International Awards. Basic awards criteria are: the mothers should be past 50 years old and should be achievers in their chosen fields, except for celebrity mother and ideal mother-achiever awardees who may be below 50, but should have an intact marriage, and should be achievers in entertainment, business, media and other fields.

Mission, vision and beneficiaries

The project aims to promote the values of ideal parenthood and parental love worldwide through the various civic activities of the Golden Mother and Father Foundation (GMFF) and the National Parents and Family Council.

The Gintong Ina awardees themselves serve as role models for other mothers, specially the young parents, to emulate.

GMFF also intends to promote the meaningful observance of Father's Day, Mother's Day and the Parents and Family Week Celebration. Beneficiaries of sponsorship proceeds are: the 21st Annual Gintong Ama Awards or The Alay Kay Itay. Donations and sponsorships are purely voluntary.

Project supporters and key officers

Johnson and Johnson (Phils.), Hallmark Cards and other commercial companies have been among the veteran supporters of the Gintong Ina Mother's Day project.

The defunct Daily Express published the first Mother's Day newspaper supplement in 1980. Later, Philippine Star, Philippine Daily Inquirer, Manila Bulletin, Malaya and other leading publications have been publishing Special Supplements. A Special Mother's Day Gintong Ina yearbook is published by the foundation.

Justice Regina O. Benitez, Sis. Victoria C. Dizon and religious leader Rev. Dr. Sonia Lim of the World Prayer Congress currently chair the board of trustees of the foundation; Primo S. Domingo is the project director, while Jonathan Navea retains the position of founding chair. Other board and committee officers include noted civic leaders Villa Granada de Guia of Women's Right Movement, Lincoln Cu of Philippine Jaycees, Lily Nicholas of Consumers Union of the Phils. (CUP), Nancy Harrel of Makati Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Gen. Honesto Bumanglag of Ideal Community Foundation, Gov. Justo M. Ortiz and Emma Cordero of Lions Club International and other upright men and women of our society. Noted composer Bing Pimentel composed the Mother's Day theme song "Inay."

Now an institution to behold

Since its inception in 1980 up to the present, the Golden Mother and Father Foundation has honored thousands of ideal mothers. The foundation was likewise successful in popularizing Mother's Day, Father's Day, Grandparents Day and family-related national events nationwide.

Past awardees of Gintong Ina awards include President Corazon-Aquino and Doña Josefa Marcos for public service, Boots Anson-Roa and Armida Siguion-Reyna for arts, Justice Cecilia Palma for judiciary, jeweler Fe S. Panlilio and Socorro Ramos for business, the late publisher Betty Go-Belmonte for media and other mother-achievers. Celebrity mothers include Lani Mercado, Helen Gamboa, Pops Fernandez, Miriam Defensor-Santiago, Celeste Lagaspi, Nena Vera Perez and other popular mothers from business, entertainment, public service and various fields.

Now on its 21st year, the Gintong Ina/Ama Group has become a prestigious institution and acknowledged as the country's only official and pioneer primemover of Mother's Day and Father's Day Awards and Celebration since 1980. The group also spearheads the Family and Parents Week Celebration and the Grandparents and Senior Citizens Day every September.

Scrapbooking those great memories

Scrapbooking Kit
Party Time!

SO you've never made a scrapbook before? Go ahead and make one. It's easy!

Making a scrapbook doesn't require an artist. All it needs is a collection of photos and a little ingenuity to turn simple, everyday stuff into pages of great memories.

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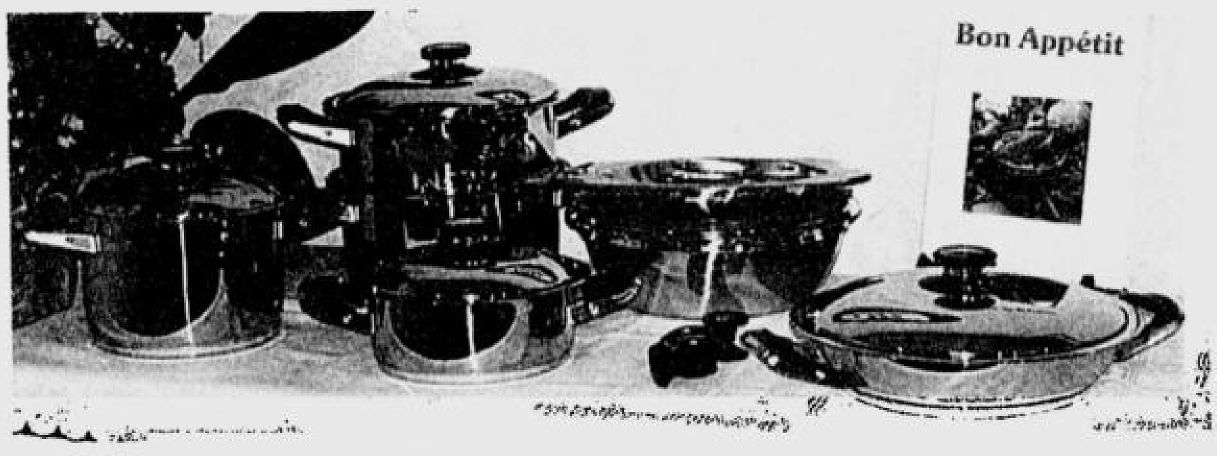
- If you just had a new baby sister or brother, collect those tags that the hospital gives, or let the baby stamp his hand and foot prints on your scrapbook with washable, non-toxic ink. Remember to wait until the ink has dried before adding other photos or decors.
- If someone just gave you flowers, press and dry them and place them in the scrapbook for easier to remember memories.
- If you're planning to diet, take a "before picture" of yourself with all those pounds you want to lose and make a collage of the tags and sizes of your clothes now. Keep pasting newer tags, recipes, candy wrappers, diet tips, or whatever stuff you pick up along your slimming trail until you are ready to take another picture of your sexy self by the end of the book. You have to admit, you'll be motivated well by this suggestion.

Life can be so much fun and there are so many great ways to keep the memories alive. Make your own scrapbooks with Hallmark's help. Hallmark scrapbooking kits are available at all National Bookstores and fine retail outlets nationwide.



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kay baby.
Hindi
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ang loob
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Kaya kailangang
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Para sa kalusugan
ni baby... para
mapanatag ang loob
ni Mommy.

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Bonamil
Dagdag pagmamahal

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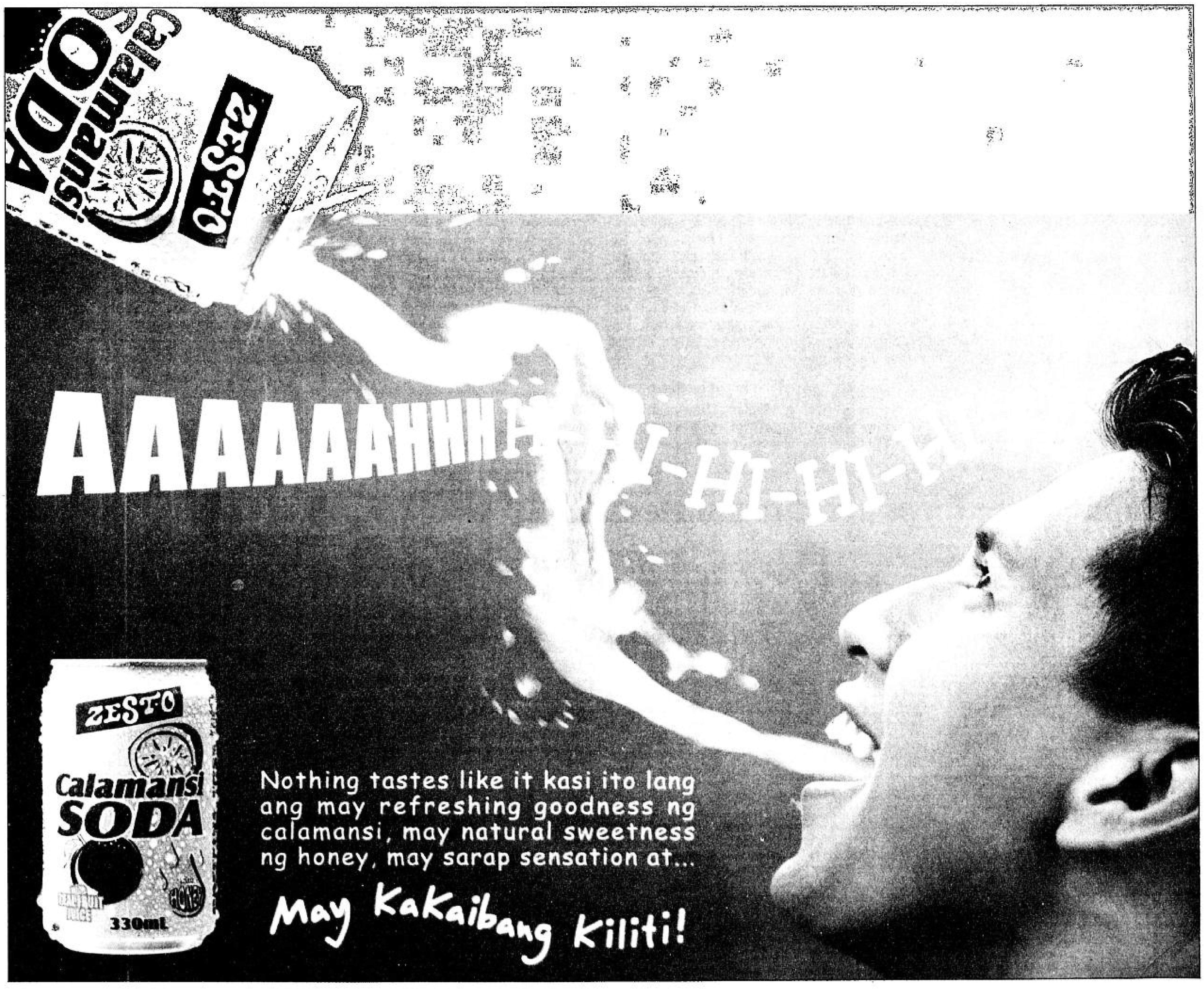

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MOTHER'S *Day*

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A day in the life of a working mom

BY ANGELI PANGILINAN-VALENCIANO

ARE you a working mother? Don't you sometimes feel that you're missing something having to just go to work daily, prepare reports, attend meetings, and approve proposals and all? Or if you are a doctor, a nurse, a teacher, a bank teller, an accountant, a manager, a musician, and you have a family, I am pretty sure you feel terribly insensitive many times just as I do.

Just like all working moms, I go through the daily battle of time management, the inner struggles, the frustration and guilt. But guess what!

How is it that a working mother can handle the Herculean task of taking care of her husband and children, running a household, and running a company or a career all at the same time?

I'd like to share with you the secret behind why I still awake with joy daily! I happen to rely a lot on God's grace and promises to see me through the entire day and to battle with accusing thoughts that try to make me feel guilty and inadequate. "His grace is sufficient for His power is made perfect in my weakness!" That's what the guiding/operating manual for life, the Bible, says and I really believe it. I have to. I have learned to rely only on God's power and His Word. Many times, I feel like I am left with nothing at all. Imagine having to be a working mom when your entire family has health problems. Gary has diabetes. I have scoliosis and two metal rods on my spine. Paolo, our eldest child, has major heartburn. Gabriel, our second son, has allergies and sinusitis. Kiana, our youngest, has asthma. And all I can say is that I thank God that he is a master healer and perfect time manager.

But what happens when a working mom decides to stay home? Some bosses actually think that their female employees abuse them by taking the day off to be with their families. I believe that is so wrong.

May 8, for instance, was a major trial. My husband, who has juvenile diabetes, had an infection. This led me to sleep at 6 a.m. This was because I constantly monitored his sugar levels as he had to inject himself six to seven times just to lower his blood sugar to minimize damage to his organs--all within 24 hours. Finally, I got to sleep after texting about 20 people to help pray for Gary. A pastor responded and we prayed over the phone at 6:15 a.m.! When I woke up after four hours of sleep, my 8-year-old daughter, Kiana, was not feeling well. She vomited a couple of times. I cancelled all my appointments (in the process forgetting about the deadline of this paper!) and decided to stay home. Kiana cuddled up to me and obviously wanted some attention. I hugged her and we lay in bed together giggling. We turned on the ZOE Channel to watch a gospel concert. Though physically at home my mind was also filled with other things at the office. I was also calling my secretary, returning the calls of some clients and negotiating via telephone for an advertising contract of Leo Martinez, checking e-mail and text messages. In the midst of it all, I had to remember to give Gary his steroids, antibiotics, and other medicines and vitamins. Oops! I needed to give my girl some medicine as well for her asthma and for the vomiting. I checked her breakfast but because I was so tired I skipped lunch and went back to bed.

Every hour, the maids would reluctantly wake me up to inquire on tons of little things. "Ma'am Gel, Paolo needs to go to Trumpets... Kiko's (Pangilinan, the author's "Senatoriable" brother) posters and flyers need to be sent to Cainta... Donita (Rose) called... What car will we use...

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A mother's love outlasts everything

ONE calm, bright, sweet, sunshiny day, an angel slipped out of heaven and came down to this old world and roamed field and forest, city and hamlet. Just as the sun was setting, he spread his wings and said, "Now my visit is over and I must go back to the world of light. But before I go, I would like to take along some mementos of my visit here."

He noticed a beautiful flower garden and said, "How lovely and fragrant these flowers are." He plucked the rarest and most beautiful roses and made a bouquet and said, "I see nothing more beautiful and fragrant than these; I will take them back to heaven with me."

Looking on a little further, he saw a bright-eyed, rosy-cheeked baby, smiling into its mother's face. And he said, "Oh, that baby's smile is even prettier than this bouquet of roses; I will take that, too!"

Then he looked just beyond the cradle and there was a mother's love pouring out like the gush of a river toward the cradle and the baby. And he said to himself, "Oh, that mother's love is the prettiest thing I have seen on earth; I will carry that, too."

With the three treasures he winged his way back to heaven. When he got outside the pearly gates, he decided to examine his mementos to see how well they had made the trip. He looked at the flowers and they had wilted. He looked at the baby's smile and it had faded. He looked at the mother's love and it was still there in all its warmth and in all its pristine beauty.

He threw aside the wilted flowers and the faded smile, and winged his way through the gates. He led all the hosts of heaven together and said, "Here is the only thing I found on earth that would keep its beauty all the way to heaven... It is a Mother's Love."

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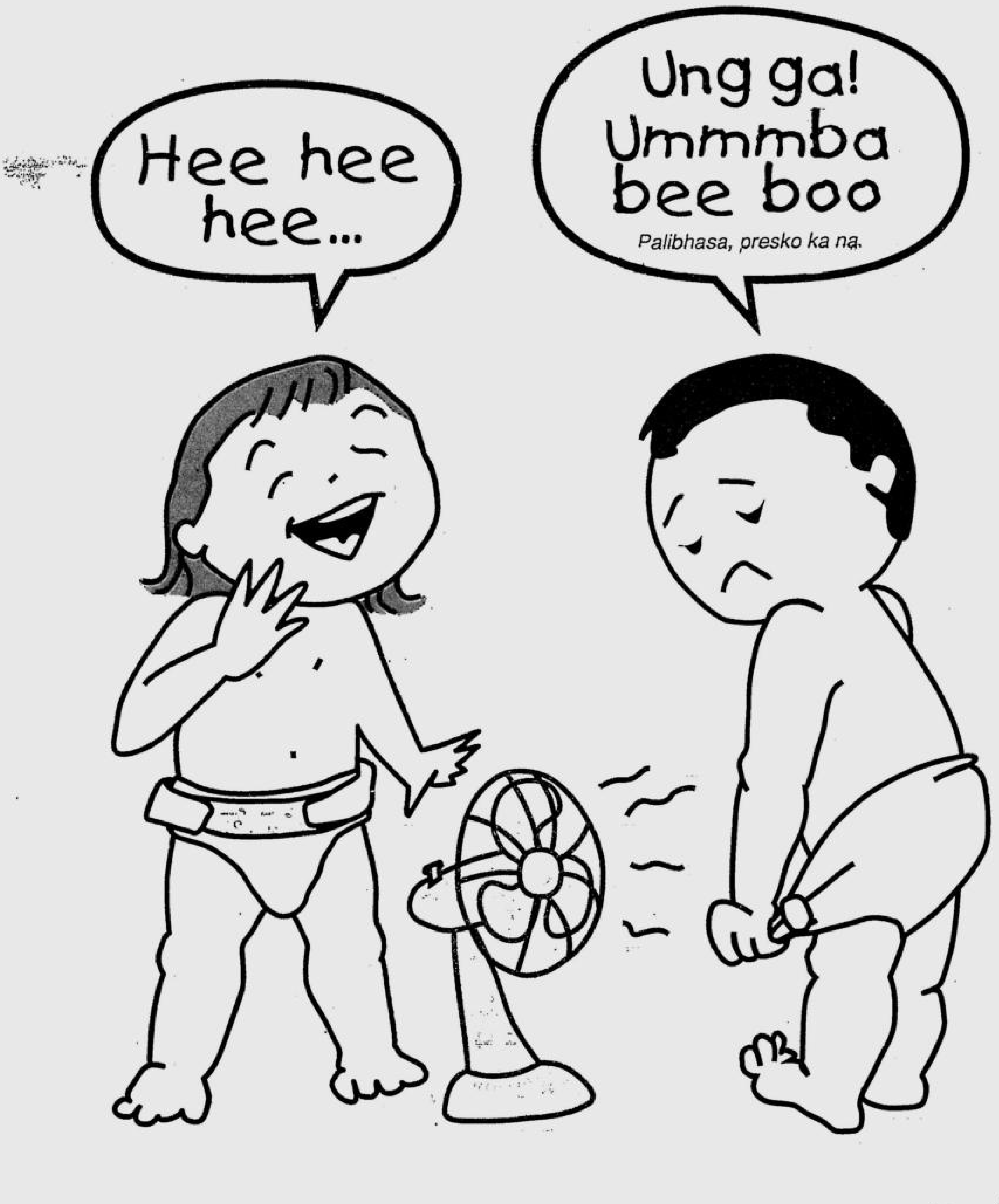

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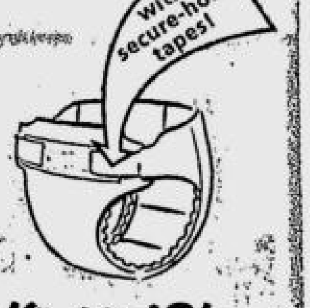
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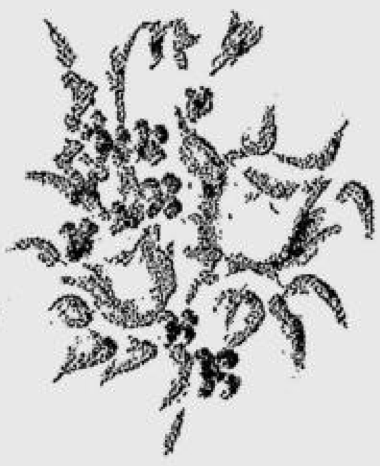
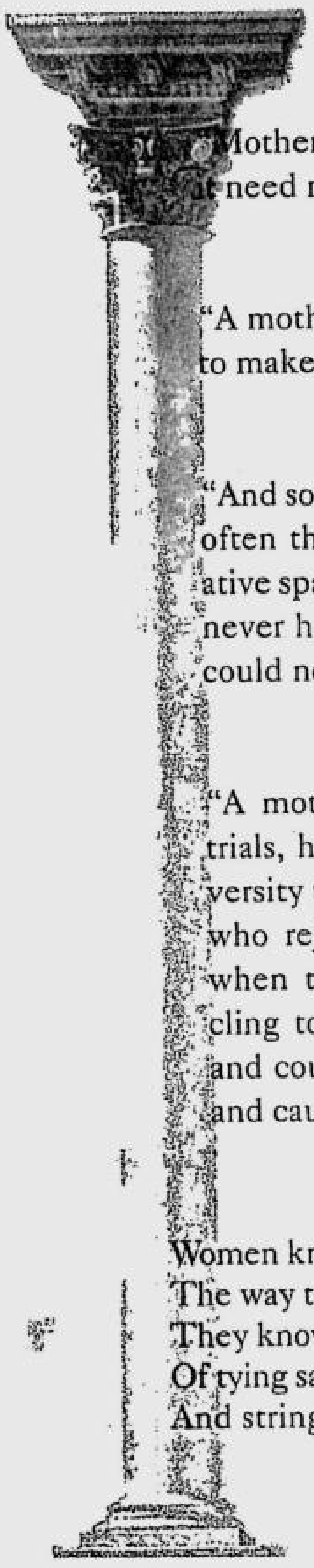


“Life began with waking up and loving my mother's face.”

—George Eliot, English novelist



“Mother's love is peace. It need not be acquired, it need not be deserved.”

—Erich Fromm, psychologist

“A mother is not a person to lean on but a person to make leaning unnecessary.”

—Dorothy C. Fisher (1879-1958)

“And so our mothers and grandmothers have, more often than not anonymously, handed on the creative spark, the seed of the flower they themselves never hoped to see — or like a sealed letter they could not plainly read.”

—Alice Walker

“A mother is the truest friend we have, when trials, heavy and sudden, fall upon us; when adversity takes the place of prosperity; when friends who rejoice with us in our sunshine, desert us when troubles thicken around us, still will she cling to us, and endeavor by her kind precepts and counsels to dissipate the clouds of darkness, and cause peace to return to our hearts.”

—Washington Irving (1783-1859)

Women known
The way to rear up children (to be just)
They know a simple, merry, tender knack
Of tying sashes, fitting baby-shoes
And stringing pretty words that make no sense.

—Elizabeth Barrett Browning, “Aurora Leigh”

“Real Mothers know that a child's growth is not measured by height or years or grade… It is marked by the progression of Mama to Mommy to Mother.

—unknown

“My mother was the most beautiful woman I ever saw. All I am I owe to my mother. I attribute all my success in life to the moral, intellectual and physical education I received from her.”

—George Washington (1732-1799)

“The heart of a mother is a deep abyss at the bottom of which you will always find forgiveness.”

—Honore' de Balzac (1799-1850)

“The most important thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother.”

—Theodore Hesburgh

“Mother love is the fuel that enables a normal human being to do the impossible.”

—Unknown

“A mother is a person who seeing there are only four pieces of pie for five people, promptly announces she never did care for pie.”

—Tenneva Jordan

“Your love for your mother is something that you never completely comprehend until you are separated by the miles from her warmth and her wonder.”

—Collin McCarty

“A mother loves her children even when they least deserve to be loved.”

—Kate Samperi, “Mothers”

“All women become like their mothers. That is their tragedy. No man does. That's his.”

—Oscar Wilde

“The best way to keep children home is to make the home atmosphere pleasant—and let the air out of the tires.”

—Dorothy Parker

“God could not be everywhere and therefore he made mothers.”

—Jewish Proverb

“A man loves his sweetheart the most, his wife the best, but his mother the longest.”

—Irish proverb

“A Freudian slip is when you say one thing but mean your mother.”

—Unknown

Prove your independence at home

MAY 13 is Mother's Day! No need to wrack your brains trying to think of the most expensive and meaningful gift for your mother; simply show your mom the things that you can do on your own to put the sweetness back in herl Teeners share success stories on how some creative ideas earned them high marks from Mom!

1. TAKE CARE OF THE YOUNG ONES

Stephanie, 16, volunteered to take care of her younger brothers and sisters so that her mom could have some peace and quiet at home. This also gave her mom a chance to catch up on some “bonding” time with her own friends. Stephanie proved to mom that she was responsible enough to take care of the young ones, and that bolstered mom's trust in her a lot.

2. ORGANIZE YOUR MESS

Start a pick-up-your-own-mess habit. Ten-year old Hannah got into the C-L-A-Y-G-O or clean-as-you-go habit' especially before bedtime. She also encouraged her siblings to fix the stuff they would need the following day to avoid the early morning panic. Mom was pleased at her good example that she got her stuff organized tool.

3. DON'T BE A MILLIONAIRE FOR A DAY

Don't blow your allowance or summer job earnings in a snap! Camille, 13, learned not to spend all her money whenever she was given some.

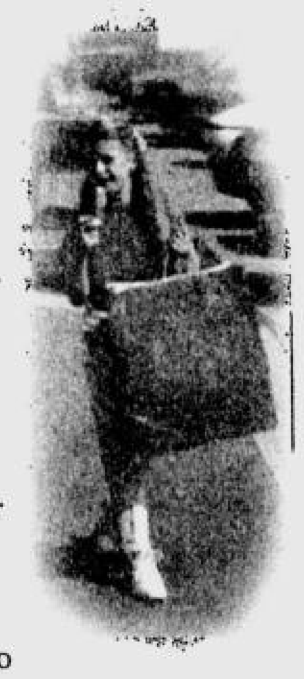
Instead, she would set some aside so she would never be caught with nothing when she really needed it. Mom was so happy and impressed when she showed her an improved savings passbook!

4. PERK UP YOUR PESO POWER!

Kick the *bilmoko* habit and start thinking of ways to make your own money fastl Lianne, 12, started a “clean sweep” service among the neighbors on her street and earned a lot! And with her earnings, she was able to buy that tankini she had been eyeing. Cholo, on the other hand, tutored small kids in their condo and helped them with their homework for a token fee.

That way he got to buy his favorite booksl And Jet, 14, used his artistic bent and tie-dyed T-shirts to make some cash.

5. BE A SMART SHOPPER



Gina, 17, offered to do the budgeting for a week. Mom gave her the grocery allotment for one week and she had complete responsibility for planning, purchasing and preparing family meals. She did greatl As an added benefit for her good planning Mom gave her the leftover grocery money to spend anyway she wanted to!

You don't have to move to another planet to prove your independence. These things show that teeners can declare independence and earn “freedoms” right at home. And while you're proving your autonomy, you are giving your mom a breather and putting the smile back into her face!

Boxed goodies from Italianni's

MOMS have always whipped up special meals for the family to enjoy—from creative entrees to delicious baked goodies. This Mothers Day let her take off the apron and enjoy a sumptuous feast with her loved ones at Italianni's Restaurant.

Treat her to a wide selection of American-Italian dishes and the restaurant would give her a special gift on her big day—a box full of Italianni's bakery goodies!

Start off her meal with appetizers like the Spinach & Artichoke Formaggio and Stuffed Mushrooms and let her choose from pastas like the *Shrimp Fra Diablo* or entrees like the *Roasted Chicken Italianni's*.

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Italianni's Restaurant is located at Parkway Building, Greenbelt in Makati City.

Dining pleasure at The Vogue

GOOD food, relaxing ambience, and special gifts from renowned fashion and beauty outlets. These things spell Mother's Day at the Manila Midtown Hotel.

The best place to treat all mothers on their special day is at the Manila Midtown Hotel's The Vogue Coffeeshop. In cooperation with Crabtree & Evelyn, Marks & Spencer, David's Salon, and Citibank, the hotel has prepared special presents for all moms who will dine at The Vogue today. Moreover, for a minimum bill of P300, they will be entitled to a raffle coupon that could win even bigger fashion and beauty packages.

Let mom wine and dine in style. Take her today at The Vogue Coffeeshop at the Manila Midtown Hotel. Because it's her turn to be pampered.

For reservations and inquiries, please call the Manila Midtown Hotel at tel. no. 526-7001, The Vogue Coffeeshop at extentions 6554/ 6555.

Take her to the Outback

MOTHER'S Day is the one special day in the year where we can show our love and appreciation to mom for everything she's done for us. So today, why not go the extra mile and treat her to her favorite steaks, pastas, ribs and more at Outback Restaurant?

Outback's menu is filled with lots of steak selections for her to enjoy—from The Outback Special to the Prime Minister's Prime Rib. Other delicious Aussie-inspired choices like the Aussie-tizer Bloomin' Onion, the Queensland Chicken & Shrimp, Jackeroo Chops, Botany Bay Fish 'O the Day and many more are guaranteed to make her day extra special. Outback even throws in a free giveaway just for her.

Outback Restaurant has branches in Glorietta IV in Makati City, Libis in Quezon City and now in Alabang Town Center in Alabang, Muntinlupa City.

A day in the life . . .

(From page I1)

Where will we get the money for this and that....Sir Gary needs syringes... Will Sir Gary's RX concert series push through even if he has no voice?... June Rufino asked for a return call and so on and so forth!"

How is it that a working mother can handle the Herculean task of taking care of her husband and children, running a household, and running a company or a career all at the same time? Let me tell you, it is only by God's wisdom and guidance that I can even think of accomplishing such an impossible feat. Today I decide to run Genesis by remote control. There is just no way I can go over to Greenhills and take care of my family at the same time.

"Help me Lord!" I have cried out to my God many times. In fact this morning I was so sleepy but when Gary's sugar level registered 298--three times the normal--at 3 a.m., I could not sleep! He pricks his fingers to get his sugar level measured, and to have to wake him up just to do that and see the high numbers is enough to depress anyone. Worse, he needs to take an injection at 3 a.m. I decide to keep awake because I realize that it could go very low and he could have an attack. Sigh. But I have constantly reminded Gary that we are to praise God in ALL circumstances and rejoice that we are alive and that we have a God who hears our every prayer. At that point, I decide to kneel down, cry out to God and ask for his mercy and healing touch to come upon my husband and just simply air out my inadequacy and fatigue. I go back to Gary and hug him and sing two praise songs to him while he quietly sleeps.

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Many times, we try to do things our way first; we rush into the day and forget to stop, breathe and say a prayer for the day and read the Word. The busyness of life just steals the very necessary intimacy with God that we actually need to balance our lives, to keep us sane, to allow us to experience the pleasure and comfort of His presence. We forget that He wants us to just acknowledge His Lordship over our lives and families and all these things will follow. I realize that I didn't do that the day before as we had just come from Bicol, and ask God's forgiveness for the oversight.

Oh dear. I remember that it's the launch of MTV Ink and I receive a text message from the organizer that she will expect me. Oh no! I get a text that it's the birthday of my cousin, Candy Pangilinan, and I send her a greeting text. I call my girl in the office to ask how the mother of Gary's promoter is as she had a heart attack. I text Charo Santos about Kiko's radio spots.

Paolo, my 16-year-old, asks if he can go out with his friends. We talk about where he is going, with whom, what car, which driver, and what time he is going home. I caution him about the mall security situation. I remind him that we need his report card in order to enrol him. He lets me listen to the song he will sing in the play he will appear in. Kiana comes in and asks if it is possible to go over to her cousins' house to play. I agree.

I coordinate the return of a new but defective telephone, with my helper of 17 years, Yaya Linda. Gary asks me if what he is wearing is okay for the function. I say no. As we are leaving for the United States in a week, I remind the maids to bring out the clothes of the three kids. Viva Films calls and asks if it is possible for Gary to go to Malacañang the next day, and if I could ask Sharon Cuneta, Jamie Rivera, and Leo Martinez also. Gary comes into the room again and shows me the shirt he tries on. I say no again. He sighs and goes back to the dressing room. I call my sister-in-law's house and find out if Leo will be free to go to see the President the next day. She says yes. Praise God! I enter the dressing room and check Gary's shirt and tell him the particular shirt that I feel he should wear. He gets it. Perfect! I turn on the cassette recorder in the bathroom to fill the room with praise music as we both prepare to go to the launch of the MTV magazine. Gary says he is not sure that he can sing. Oh no!

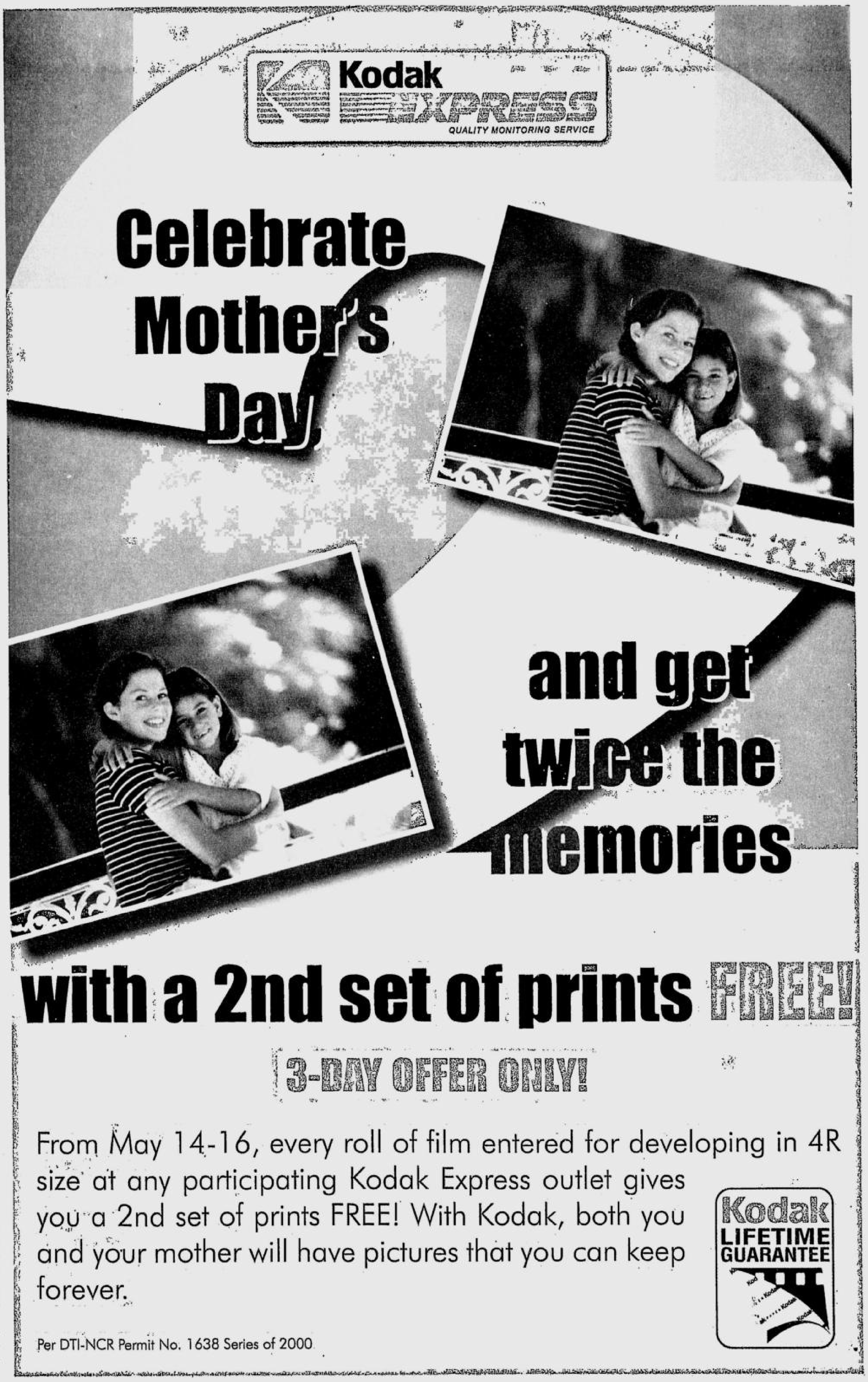
Gracie Go called a month ago to reserve him! I give her a call and leave a voice message. I remember that I didn't inform Kiana that I would leave that night and I call her at her cousins' place and when I tell her that I am leaving, she cries out and I said that she could stay there first. Whew.

As we leave, Gary says that he may not stay there long. And since he knows that our good friend Twinky Lagdameo will be there, he asks that we bring two cars. He knows I may want to stay with her a bit longer. Off to MTV.

Miraculously, he is able to sing. A bit hoarse and a bit tired, but still able to liven up the crowd. He leaves his hotel room and I excitedly look forward to a girls' night out with Twinky. We pig out at the buffet and guess what! Gary calls to say that our son, Gabriel, has a terrible headache and fever. Sigh. The life of a mom. I run over to church to visit the wake of the mother of my friend Freddie Garcia, for a couple of minutes. Drop Twinky home. I go home and greet my kids and Gary. I give Gab his medicine and think, oh dear, another night.

I realize that truly, God does not give us what we cannot bear. God truly has favored mothers, particularly working mothers. He hears the cry of our hearts to stay home more often and to provide the support and love that our husbands need. I encourage employers to be more flexible with the married women in their offices and the employees, likewise, to value not only one's work but the entire family's needs as well. After all, the greatest resources of all companies are the people behind it, and the women normally dominate the administration and operations of most companies. So men, love us, take care of us, value us and remember, God realized you couldn't be complete without us. Happy Mother's Day!

ANGELI Pangilinan-Valenciano is president of Manila Genesis Entertainment & Management, Inc. She is married to international singer/musician and Unicef Ambassador of Goodwill Gary Valenciano. They have three children: Paolo, 16; Gabriel, 12; and Kiana, 8.)



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Per DTI-NCR Permit No. 1638 Series of 2000

Kimbies' tribute to moms

KIMBIES Diapers is holding a series of mother-and-child friendly activities dubbed "Mommy, Kimbies and Me" in Ever-Gotesco Malls—Ortigas, Commonwealth, C.M. Recto and Grand Central—from May 10 to 13 and in Sta. Lucia Grand Mall from May 17 to 20.

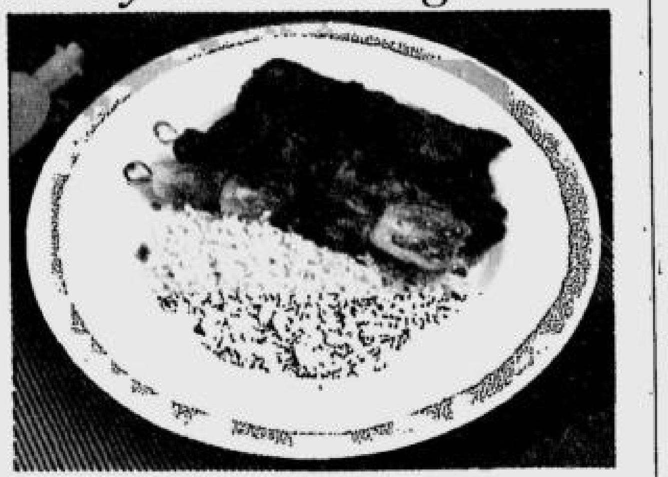
"This is our special treat to mommies and babies on Mother's Day," says Apple Ting, Kimberly-Clark's product manager for Kimbies.

For the first three days of the four-day event, a minimum purchase of P100 worth of Kimbies Belt-Style, new Kimbies Plus and/or new Kimbies Diaper Pads from the booth or supermarket will allow consumers to join the "Pick-A-Prize" promo and bring home special gift items. The purchase will also entitle mothers and babies to free medical check-ups at the "O.K. (Operation Kalinga) Kay Nanay at Baby" corner. After the free consultation, babies will also be treated to a free diaper change at the "Palit Diaper Corner" of each Kimbies booth.

On the fourth day, which will coincide with Mother's Day, consumers who purchase P200 worth of goods from any mall establishment plus P100 worth of Kimbies Diapers at the Kimbies booth will get a chance to win special gifts. Likewise, the purchases will entitle them to free check-ups and free diaper changes. Kimboy, the official Kimbies mascot, will also make special appearances at the Kimbies booths to spread cheer to the little tykes who will tag along with their moms on this special day.

Kimbies Belt-Style diapers, new Kimbies Plus disposable diapers and new Kimbies Diaper Pads are quality products of Kimberly-Clark Philippines Inc.

Celebrate Mother's Day at Cravings



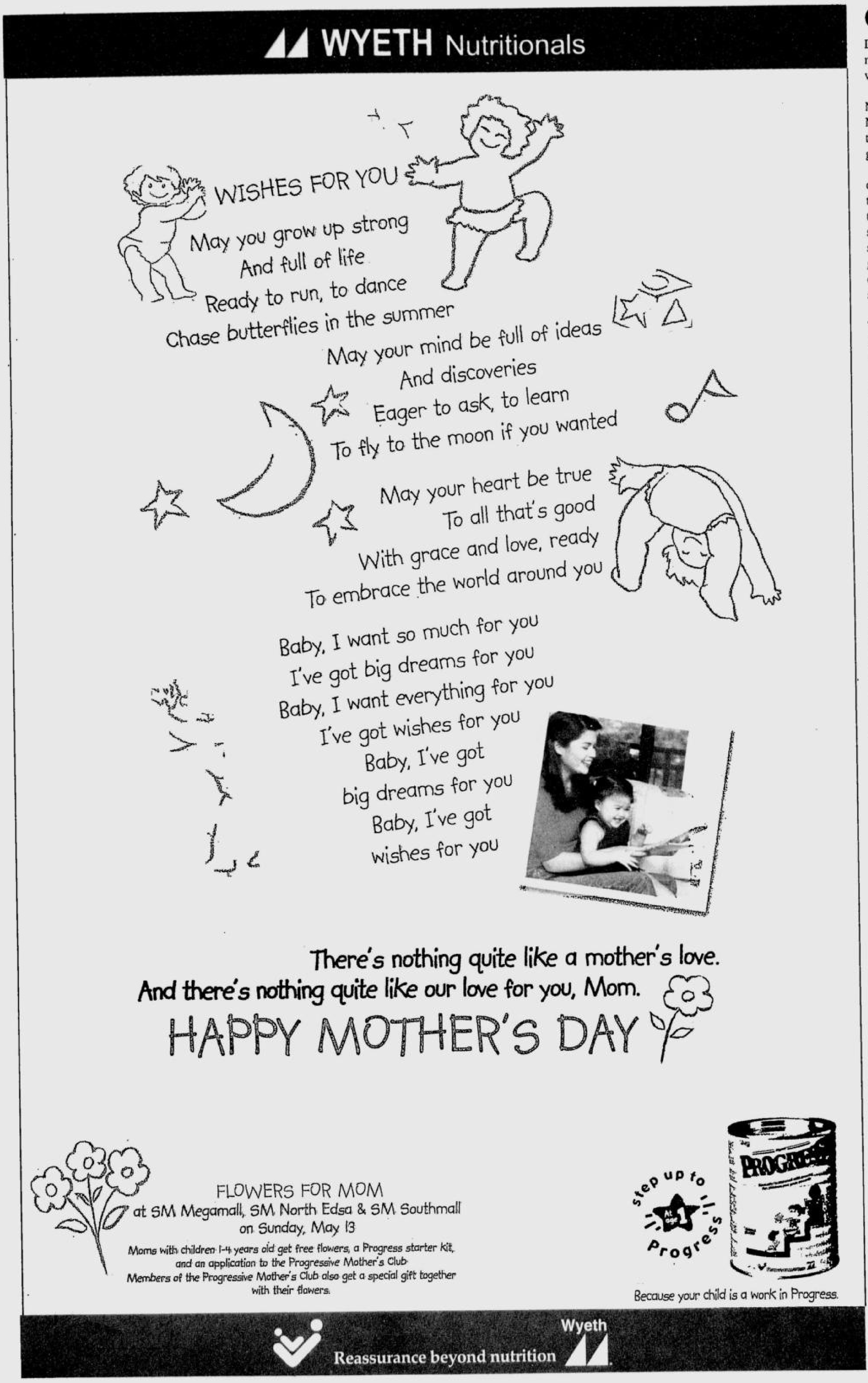
ON May 13, mothers of all ages unite! Celebrate Mother's Day at Cravings!

Yup, Cravings salutes dear moms with a red-carpet reception. Upon entry, these special ladies are given a rose as a tribute to motherhood and are treated to a special Mother's Day menu consisting of two equally delectable choices. Menu I presents Barbecue Chicken with Chorizo Sauce and Rice Pilaf paired with Chantilly Cream and strawberry Symphony. Menu II offers Banana Leaf-Wrapped Sunfish with Malaysian Spices and Rice Pilaf also with Chantilly Cream and strawberry Symphony.

What's more, every P500 bill entitles mom to a raffle stub and a chance to win any of the following: massage therapy at the Palm Garden Health Spa, Aromatherapy and Cravings gift certificate for four persons to enjoy "The Ultimate Buffet."

Now that's truly a special way to honor the women of our homes! Visit any of Cravings branches at Katipunan Avenue, Quezon City; Wilson Street, Greenhills; Robinson's Place Ermita; Shangri-La Plaza Mall; Greenbelt Mall and Asturias.

This promo is made possible by Cravings sponsors: Nestea, Colgate, ABS-CBN Publishing, Arce Dairy Ice Cream, and The Palm Garden Health Spa. Winners will be notified Monday, May 14.



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May your heart be true
To all that's good
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To embrace the world around you
Baby, I want so much for you
I've got big dreams for you
Baby, I want everything for you
I've got wishes for you
Baby, I've got
big dreams for you
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wishes for you

There's nothing quite like a mother's love.
And there's nothing quite like our love for you, Mom.
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

FLOWERS FOR MOM
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Moms with children 1-4 years old get free flowers, a Progress starter Kit, and an application to the Progressive Mother's Club
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CPK 'fishbowl' treats

DINING at CPK on Mother's Day can only mean additional fun for the whole family and warm memories for the mothers.

Every family who will dine at CPK on Mother's Day will receive a free CPK Mother's Day card in which kids can write their special thoughts for their mothers and give it to their moms on this special day.

And because this is a moment special only for moms, CPK has prepared gifts for them. In a fishbowl, mothers get the chance to pick and take home CPK prizes like scented soaps, CPK caps, keychains, T-shirts, and cookbooks. All mothers will not go home empty handed! No minimum purchase required, just dine in and treat the special woman in your life at CPK!

CPK is located at Glorieta 4 and Alabang Town Center. CPK also delivers. Just call 893-9999 or 893-9898 for Makati and 850-6752 and 8505771 for Alabang.

Choice pasta at Monsoon

GIVE mom what she likes best on Mother's Day. If she's a self-confessed pasta lover, treat her to a lunch or dinner of Monsoon Restaurant+Bar's Pasta Buffet. The stylishly casual resto at the second level of The Linden Suites in Ortigas has prepared not just one special dish but an array of noodles and sauces from which mom can create her own pasta dish.

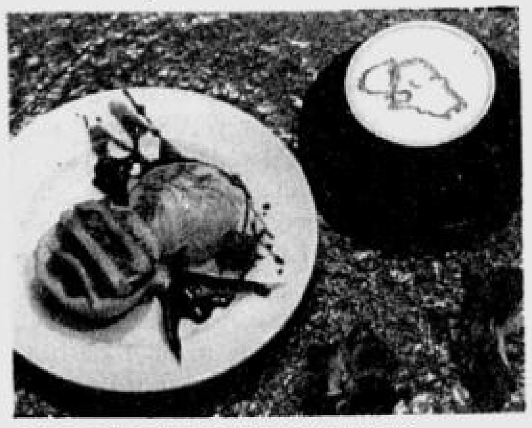
Mother's choice may be a combination of Angel Hair, Fettucine, Spaghetti or Penne and Bolognese, Carbonara, Puttanesca, Pesto, Pomodoro or Marinara. She's even entitled to endless trips to the buffet for more exciting pasta creations. So, make it a date with mom today. Even the entire family will love this ultimate Mother's Day pasta blow-out (P225+ for adults and P115+ for children). For reservations and inquiries, call Monsoon at 638-7878 local 8322, 634-1753 or 638-3477.

T.G.I. Friday's P250 GC

IT'S mom's turn to be pampered on her big day, so why not treat her out to a fun dining experience at T.G.I. Friday's? The restaurant offers a wide selection of quality American-style dishes that would fit your taste and budget.

And since it's mom's special day, T.G.I. Friday's gives her an added treat--a P250 gift certificate for her next visit! The gift certificate is valid until July 31. Only one gift certificate per table per visit will be honored.

This Mother's Day treat is available at T.G.I. Friday's branches in Glorietta, Ortigas, Malate, Quezon City and Alabang. Watch out for the opening of Friday's latest branch in Sta. Lucia East.



SHE DESERVES THE SWEETEST

Grant your mom the sweetest pleasure she deserves on her special day. Satisfy her craving and appetite with the comforting taste of a specially homemade 'mumplepie', a baked goodie made from luscious green apples heightened with a touch of cinnamon and cream which comes with a scoop of creamy vanilla ice cream on the side, whipped and graciously offered only here at the Pan Pacific Hotel. It is a rich treat served along with a cup of frothy 'mumpuccino', a special concoction with a new twist of flavor in coffee blend that is sure to entice and delight her.

Our greatest gift today: 'a hug and a kiss will do'

BY ANNALYN PINEDA

"Why did Whistler take the time of painting his mother?" asked Rowan Atkinson's character in "Mr. Bean: The Movie".

Well, we who've seen the flick would most likely not recall Mr. Bean's exact answer to this question he raised while making the artistic opinion about the portrait "Whistler's Mother" when it was brought to America. We know he was able to pull that one off and even awed his audience with the spontaneous speech he delivered.

When James Abbott McNeill Whistler made his mother pose for his gray and black painting, he was recovering from his expulsion from military school. Before he went on to study arts in London, James was going to the US Military Academy, but for academic reasons he could no longer continue his education there.

Perhaps, Mr. Bean was right after all. The portrait must have been a tribute to his mother who stood by him and supported all endeavors the young Whistler decided to undertake. The painting, which later on became the artist's best known work of art, now ranks among the world's most famous monochromatic masterpieces.

Mrs. Whistler could have just wanted his James to rise above his academic dilemma, but she was gifted with more than that. Had Mothers' Day come as early as 1872, she would surely be one of the happiest moms who got what she wanted--what's best for her child, that is.

We sought answers from a number of mothers looking forward to sharing the same feeling as Whistler's mother, and asked them what the greatest gift their child can give them on Mother's Day. Here's what they have to say.

"I just want them to stay productive now that both of them have graduated from college; practice their degree professionally or land a job that could hone their skills because nothing else could compensate for seeing your children making it on their own." - Ma. Silay Espino-Cruz, 51, education supervisor I.

"That my children may continue to do well in school because education is what we can only leave them with and nobody can take that away from them." – Vilma Rodriguez-Buendia, 30, laundrywoman, mother of 4.

"She may remain God-fearing because when one wants to follow God, you will lead a life according to His will and definitely, I want her to be that." – Amy Palaya-Santos, 37, psychometrician.

"Since their father couldn't be with us most of the time because he's working abroad, I hope all my children would stay out of trouble. That's more than enough for me and I think mothers like me will certainly appreciate that." - Luzviminda Tillain-Santos, 58, sari-sari storeowner, mother of 5.

"I'd be happy just to see my children live up to their dreams and achieve their goals, because whoever they would become matters to me more than anybody else. Their triumphs are ours as well." - Marcelisa Santos-Celso, 49, fish dealer, mother of 6.

"To be loved by my children as always because nothing is as precious as a mother's love reciprocated by her children's." – Lourdes Ochoa- Santos, 63, hospital administrative officer, mother of 4.

"I'm not expecting any material gift from my children, a simple greeting will do. Just by being remembered by them on that special day would mean so much to me." – Marilou Antic-Rivera, 46, entrepreneur, mother of 9.

"I hope my children would learn to appreciate the things I'm doing for them and be convinced that I am on their side. No mother would enjoy watching her children wander off and get hurt." – Aurora Chico- Buñing, 52, homemaker, mother of 3.

"Another of those small greeting cards made by my youngest with the usual 'you're the greatest mom' inscribed on it. That never fails to make me smile because I feel appreciated." – Eloisa San Mateo-Fajardo, 48, state auditor III, mother of 2.

"A hug and a kiss from my only son will do. Boys his age get embarrassed everytime you make *lambing* so I rarely have that and I'm looking forward to it on Mothers' Day." – Erlinda Basilio-Pangilinan, 49, high school teacher.

"During the younger years of my children especially during summer, we usually pack up and head out of town. I hope they can take time off their busy schedule so we can spend some time together--just like the good old days." – Emily Tiongson- Clemente, M.D., 52, physician, mother of 3.

STEPH BRAVO

I hope my children would learn to appreciate the things I'm doing for them and be convinced that I am on their side

Spotlight on Bifidus BL

Know more about your kid's defense against bad bacteria

Q: Can you tell me more about good and bad bacteria?
A: The digestive system processes the "fuel" that powers the body. It relies on a healthy balance of both good and bad bacteria to work properly. Bad bacteria cause sickness while good bacteria are needed to keep the body healthy. Babies have a natural supply of good bacteria, which they get from breast milk. However, the level of good bacteria decreases at age one, allowing bad bacteria to take over. This makes babies prone to diarrhea, gastro-intestinal infections and diaper rash.

Is my toddler at risk of getting bad bacteria?
By age one, your child begins a new age of learning and exploration. Unfortunately, this is also the age when he is more exposed to bad bacteria. When your toddler picks up toys or puts objects into his mouth, he also unknowingly picks up bad bacteria. He can also get it from unsafe drinking water and also take them in as he experiments with different kinds of foods.

How can I protect my child from bad bacteria?
Make sure that your child drinks only safe drinking water and eats only food from clean and reliable sources. It will also help that you keep his surroundings and all his personal stuff like toys, utensils, stroller, and high chair clean. Most importantly, you should make sure that his supply of good bacteria is constantly replenished to keep bad bacteria away and to lower your child's risk of infection.

Where can my child get good bacteria?
Breast milk is rich in good bacteria. But when your child turns one and is no longer breastfeeding, an excellent source of good bacteria is Neslac Growing Up Milk, the first and only Growing Up Milk with Bifidus BL, a form of probiotics or live good bacteria.

What is Bifidus BL?
Bifidus BL is the latest Nestlé breakthrough in probiotics. Probiotics are live good bacteria, which are added to the diet to promote healthy digestion and proper absorption of nutrients. It's the unique combination of Bifidus and S. Thermophilus bacteria. Bifidus protects the gut against diarrhea and gastroenteritis and prevents diaper rash, while S. Thermophilus aids in lactose digestion and helps prevent constipation.
Bifidus BL also boosts the immune functions even long after it's taken, building the body's resistance to gastro-intestinal, viral and bacterial infections.

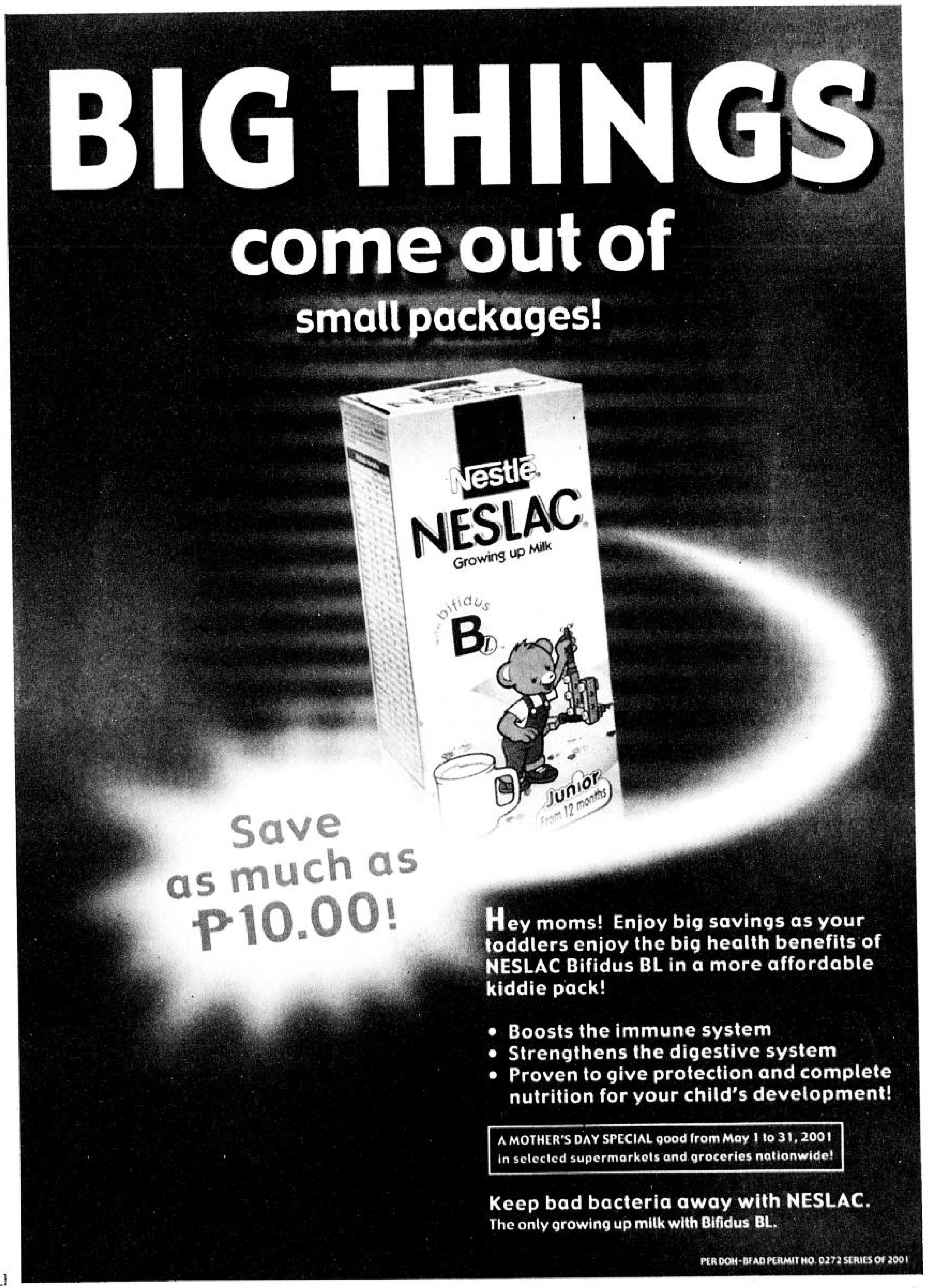
How does it actually work in my child's tummy?
In the stomach, Bifidus BL secretes substances, which act directly against bad bacteria. An "army" of Bifidus BL competes with harmful bacteria by lining and reproducing in the intestinal wall. This prevents harmful bacteria from colonizing the intestinal wall.
Bifidus BL also activates your child's immune defenses, which are primarily directed against bad bacteria.

When should I start giving my child Neslac?
You should start giving your child Neslac from age one. At this age, your toddler needs a growing up milk that will support his rapid growth and development. Neslac is nutritionally complete with all the vitamins and minerals that are essential for your child's growing mind and body. And because Neslac has Bifidus BL, you're sure that he's protected from sickness so his learning will not be hampered.

INVEST ON HEALTH

Neslac is your investment to ensure your child's good health. It offers superior nutrition for your child and the breakthrough protection of Bifidus BL.

Keep bad bacteria away with NESLAC. The only growing up milk with Bifidus BL.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- Strengthens the digestive system
- Proven to give protection and complete nutrition for your child's development!

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PER DOH-BFAD PERMIT NO. 0272 SERIES OF 2001

Huggies sponsors series of events for Mother' Day

IN HONOR of moms nationwide, Huggies Diapers is sponsoring a series of Mother's Day events from May 10-16 at the Shangri-La Plaza Mall in Mandaluyong City. The week-long event includes a mall-selling activity, a photo exhibit, a concert and a talk-party for mothers.

"We are holding these activities to treat moms on their special day, as well as to show our appreciation and support for them," said Kimberly-Clark Philippines Inc. (K-CPI) product manager Eliza Coteng.

The mall-selling activity will entitle consumers to a free digital photo image courtesy of Epson for a minimum P300 purchase of Huggies Dry Comfort and Huggies Dri-Fit diapers at the special selling booth in Rustan's Shangri-La.

The "Happy Baby" photo exhibit, which will be held at the third level of the Shangri-La Plaza Mall, will kick-off with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on May 10 to be graced by K-CPI officers, mall representatives and selected professional photographers. Photos of babies and little tykes digitally taken by the H-Photographers Association headed by Joaquim Bondoc will be on display for public viewing.

A concert dubbed "Have I Told You Lately?" happened May 12 at 7 p.m. at the Cinema 1 of the Shangri-La Plaza. Singers Dulce, Anna Fegi and Michael Williams topbilled the concert.

Also on May 12, the "Huggies Happy Baby Talk 2" took place at the Dreamscape, 4/F Robinsons Galleria. A pediatriacian and a child psychologist were the invited speakers during the seminar.

Similar to the "Huggies Happy Baby Talk," pediatricians and child psychologists provided professional advice to mothers on forming good relationships with their kids, as well as the need of kids for their parents' constant reassurance. The speakers also reinforced the significance of always playing and interacting with their little tykes to guide their emotional growth.

Huggies Diapers are available in two variants—Huggies Dry Comfort and Huggies Dri-Fit. Huggies Dry Comfort has the unique, breathable air-dri cover that allows air to flow through, while keeping fluid in, leaving babies feeling drier all day and night. Huggies Dri-Fit comes with blue double-leak barriers to help prevent leaks, thus ensuring that babies stay dry and happy. Also available are Huggies Fresh n' Gentle Baby Wipes and the new Huggies Dry Comfort Jumbo Box in major Metro Manila supermarkets. Huggies Dry Comfort and Huggies Dri-Fit are quality products of Kimberly-Clark Philippines Inc. (K-CPI).

MOTHER'S DAY CONCERT

Kimberly-Clark Philippines, Inc. marketing director Digna Santos (fourth from right) shakes hands with Admix, Inc. president and CEO Lito Pagayon during recent formal contract signing ceremonies at the K-CPI office in Makati City. Huggies sponsored Admix's pre-Mother's Day concert dubbed "Have I Told You Lately That I Love You?" at the Shangri-La Plaza Mall, Cinema 1. The concert featured world-class balladeer Dulce, Anna Fegi, Butch Montejo and Michael Williams. Witnessing the event were (from left) O&M'S Dennis Placiente, Admix special events manager Anne Bernardo, Huggies product manager Eliza Coteng, O&M's JJ Lopez and Huggies assistant product manager Shirleen Velasquez. Huggies baby care products include Huggies Dry Comfort which has the unique, breathable Air-Dri Cover that allows air to flow through, while keeping fluid in, leaving babies feeling comfortable all day and night; Huggies Dri-Fit which has blue double-leak barriers to help prevent leakage, keeping babies' skin dry; and Huggies Fresh N' Gentle Baby Wipes which is the right partner during diaper-changing times. Huggies Dry Comfort, Huggies Dri-Fit and Huggies Fresh N' Gentle Baby Wipes are quality products of Kimberly-Clark Philippines Inc. (K-CPI).

HUGGABLE BABIES MAKE HAPPY MOMMIES

HUGGIES Diapers

Baby care myths and the truth behind them

What do all parents have in common? Simple, they all want the best for their babies. As such, they seek advice from everyone -- from their mother, father, siblings, in-laws, to the couple next door, on proper baby care. Sure, these sources share the same good intentions as parents do for their babies. Trouble is, some of their advice are just old wives' tales.

The following is a list of some of the most common baby care myths and fallacies. Read on to find out if there's some truth behind them.

- ***Crying is good for your baby***. On the contrary, child experts say that a child left crying for a long time gets the impression that the world is an unhappy and unresponsive place. This may lead to problems in adulthood. A child, who is attended to right away, on the other hand, has a wonderful sense of power.

- ***Carrying your baby around will spoil him.*** Holding and cuddling will not spoil your baby. In fact, physical contact translates to happier babies and parents.

- ***An infant walker helps a baby learn to walk sooner***. Contrary to popular belief, a baby in a walker learns to sit, crawl and walk on his own much later than a child who has to learn all these skills on his own if he wants to get around. Moreover, some infant walkers are dangerous.

- ***Babies need a bath every day***. Young babies don't really need a bath every day. In fact, babies with dry skin or eczema should be bathed only two or three times a week. Of course, cleaning the baby's bottom after each diaper change, wiping his face and neck to remove any dried milk are still necessary.

- ***Teething causes colds***. Some of the hallmarks of cutting teeth mimic the symptoms for colds but teething does not cause colds. A teething baby will usually produce extra drool but not mucus that runs from the nose. However, slightly loose stools and a mild diaper rash might accompany teething because the excess saliva makes its way through the digestive tract.

- ***Traveling with infants is difficult***. Truth is, parents can take infants anywhere before they start getting mobile. They will spend most of the time either nursing or sleeping. It's a lot easier to travel with them at this stage than when they start crawling and walking.

- ***Babies need a lot of toys for play***. When we think of play, we tend to think of toys, but they are not the most important part of baby play. Remember, the best toy of all is someone to play with.

- ***All babies eventually get diaper rash***. Diaper rash is not unusual but it's not inevitable either. Today's disposable diapers such as HUGGIES® Dry Comfort and HUGGIES® Dri-Fit are designed to keep your baby cool, comfortable and dry to prevent diaper rash. Both HUGGIES® Dry Comfort and HUGGIES® Dri-Fit have an Absorbent Core to keep wetness in and stop leaks; a Trim-Fit Design that allows fresh air to cool babies' skin; a Dri-Touch Liner that quickly draws wetness away from babies' skin and Double Leak Barriers for extra protection against leakage.

The basic difference between the two is that HUGGIES® Dry Comfort is more absorbent and has a unique breathable Air-Dri Cover which allows fresh air to flow through the diaper while keeping fluid in. HUGGIES® Dri-Fit, on the other hand, is more affordable. So whichever HUGGIES® diaper you choose, you are sure to have a dry, happy baby.

The next time you receive some baby care advice, think twice before following them. Make an effort to find out the truth. Consult with experts in child care and read books. In the end, you may listen to all the advice but pick your own path and learn to trust your own judgment.

THE CONVENIENCE OF DISPOSABLE DIAPERS FOR MODERN DAY MOMS

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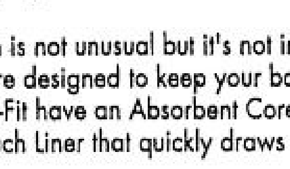
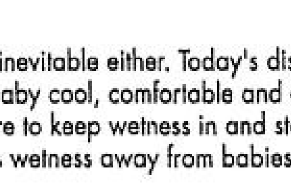
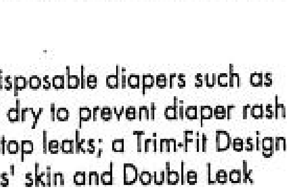
HAPPY BABY TALK



Beauty queen Nina Ricci Alagao shows mothers how to properly apply make-up on one's face during the "Happy Baby Talk" event.



K-CPI marketing director Digna Santos delivers her welcome remarks during the event.



K-CPI marketing director Digna Santos (4th from left) pose with beauty queen Nina Ricci Alagao (3rd from left) and other special guests during the event.

To help mommies better care for their infants and toddlers, HUGGIES® recently sponsored the "Happy Baby Talk" at Kids-At-Work, SM Megamall wherein mothers got first-hand advice on parenting tips and guidelines from several professional resource speakers.

Guest speaker Dolores Tanseco-del Rosario from the Center for Family Ministry (CEFAM) of the Ateneo de Manila University discussed the most common problems encountered by parents while raising their kids. An open forum also discussed topics ranging from forming good parental relationships with kids to the constant reassurance kids need from their parents.

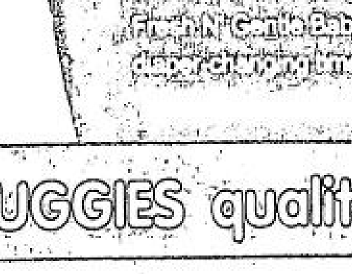
The "Happy Baby Talk" also featured beauty queen Nina Ricci Alagao who shared some make-up tips to mommies who attended the event. She even personally gave them beauty tips and taught them how to apply make-up properly by themselves.

The event was graced by Kimberly-Clark Philippines Inc. (K-CPI) marketing director Digna Santos, senior product manager Gina Vizconde, product manager Eliza Coteng and assistant product manager Shirleen Velasquez.

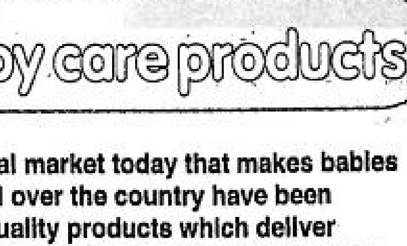
HUGGIES® Dry Comfort and HUGGIES® Dri-Fit are quality products of Kimberly-Clark Philippines Inc. (K-CPI).

HUGGIES quality baby care products

There is no other diaper brand in the local market today that makes babies happy like HUGGIES® does. Mommies all over the country have been entrusting their babies to HUGGIES®'s quality products which deliver better results day-in and day-out. Below is a glimpse of three HUGGIES ® baby care products:



HUGGIES® Dry Comfort has the unique, breathable Air-Dri Cover that allows air to flow through, while keeping fluid in, leaving babies feeling comfortable all day and night.



HUGGIES® Dri-Fit has blue double-leak barriers to help prevent leakage, keeping babies' skin dry.

HUGGIES® Fresh N' Gentle Baby Wipes is the right partner during diaper-changing times. With its ultra-soft material, HUGGIES® Baby Wipes gently cleans baby's sensitive skin. It's also alcohol-free to protect baby's skin from rashes and irritation. Plus it is extra-thick so it doesn't tear easily.

This Mother's Day, let's give ourselves a break from this vicious cycle of guilt and gifts

The balance we seek lies in the simple things

BY AN MERCADO-ALCANTARA

WE were jolted from our seats by the phone ringing. Two of us—two working moms burning the midnight oil to meet the unforgiving deadlines of a magazine—thought instantly that it must be her son or my daughter at the other end of the line nagging us about coming home. Immediately we braced ourselves for the avalanche of guilt that inevitably comes just from the mere sound of a child's voice.

It was her son, I was relieved. But a few seconds later my call came in. Of course, the trigger went off and we were reduced to two guilt-ridden hags. The rest of the editorial staff listened as two otherwise very competent individuals crumbled under the pressure of a child's plea. Kids, these days they know just what button to push. I heard Tinna, my working mom colleague, promising donuts; I was bamboozled into making a run for vanilla sundae.

As editor in chief of Metro Working Mom, a magazine of ABS-CBN Publishing, I know our experience is not unique. Every day thousands of mothers like us are hounded by guilt. We hold up our dignity even if we have to drag our guilt to work day after day.

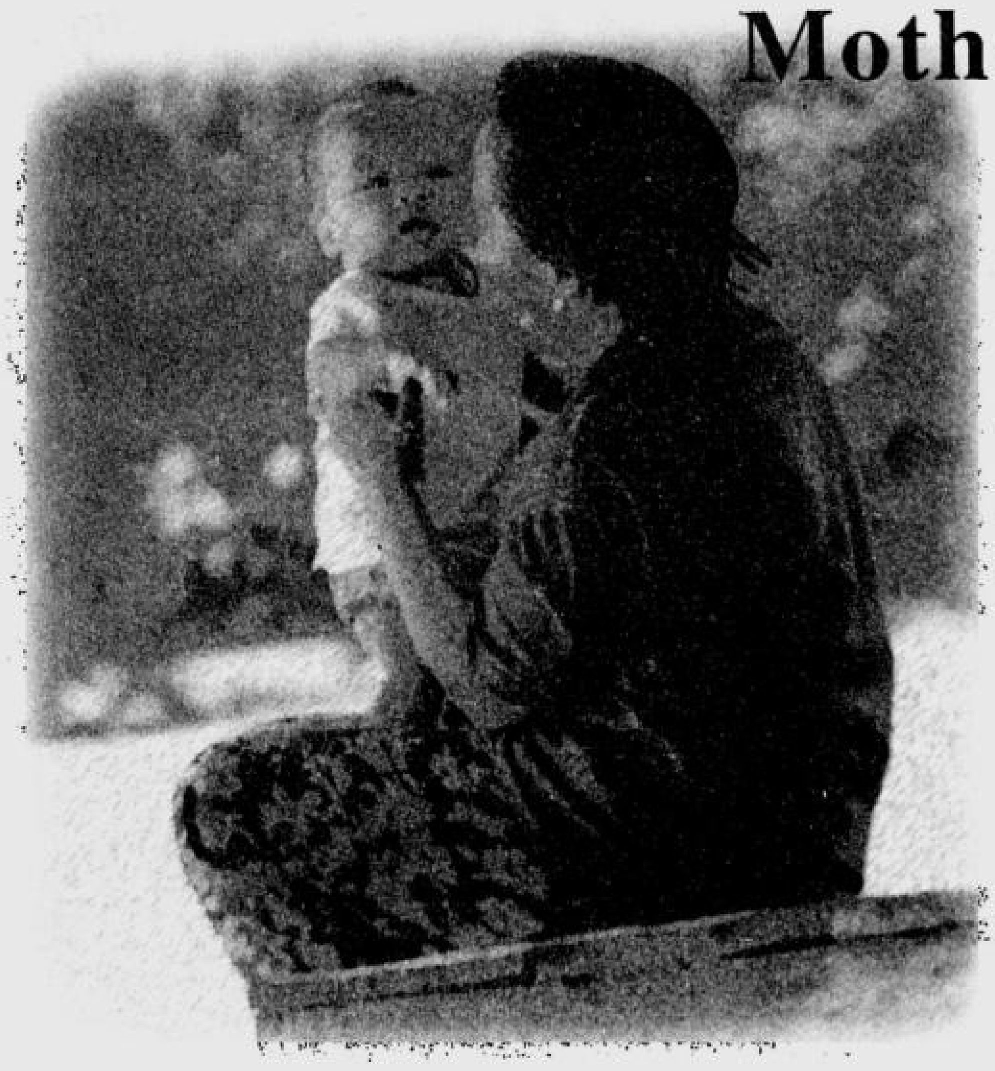
This Mother's Day, let's give ourselves a break from this vicious cycle of guilt and gifts. Even for just a day, let's make a go at striking a balance between the passion we pour into our work and the recharging we draw from life. This is the gift we must give ourselves this Mother's Day: The willingness to let go and unwind. The willingness to believe that, yes, we deserve this break. Forget the guilt! Savor the gift of today. Take the time and effort to cultivate the habit of joy.

From one mother to another, I suggest you give yourself these gifts this Mother's Day:

- The gift of gratitude. Write down the small, special moments that bring a smile to your face;
- The gift of awareness. Feel the world. Engage all your five senses when enjoying an experience. Savor;
- The gift of simple pleasures. Remember that joy doesn't come with a price tag. A pretty pen, a flower, a short note can just be as uplifting;
- The gift of hope. For every reason to worry there is some reason to celebrate. Open your journal on days you feel blue, you will find the seeds of joy planted in the days you least expected them;
- The gift of calm. Pause before you panic. Don't let the everyday crises drag you down;
- The gift of personal space. Create this by beginning and ending your day with solitude and stillness.

The habit of joy starts with simple things. Collect your gifts today. You deserve it you moment of bliss.

Mother's Day is for stepmoms, too



THERE can only be one "original" mother: the woman who gave birth to her son or daughter, the woman whom children literally owe their lives to. But there are unavoidable circumstances in life which may "cut" the link between mothers and offspring. For those who are under such circumstances, a day like Mother's Day can be emotionally difficult, especially for a surrogate mother.

How should a stepmom deal with the day honoring the "real" mom so she could also feel the joys of the day?

- Be very grateful if your stepkids give you a present, no matter what it is and even if it was their father's idea. Wear it, use it, display it or do whatever it requires, and do it with a smile. And if they don't give you a present, then hold your tongue and be philosophical. Mother's Day is just one day.
- Let your stepchildren focus all of their attention on their mom, if they choose it that way. You can't control how they think about her, regardless of your feelings.
- If you have a good relationship with your stepkids, then take a moment and tell them how special they are to you, one at a time. Recognize and appreciate your blessings. If you have a poor relationship with your stepkids, then write them each a letter and tell them what you wish would change about it. Look forward to next Mother's Day with the hope that things will improve.
- If you have an especially memorable day with your stepkids, then write about it - every beautiful moment - and mail it to yourself in a few days. Relive the joy when it arrives.
- Plan something just for you or for you and your husband. Focus on the pleasant aspects of your life, where you find the most love and security.
- If you're struggling with your role as stepmom and feeling more overwhelmed than overjoyed, then take a few hours to get your thoughts on paper. Write down your family's strengths and weaknesses and any ideas you can think of that might help solve some of your problems. You may want to choose today to start working on some concrete steps.

Rites honoring the matriarchs as old as humanity itself

THE CUSTOM of honoring mothers began thousands of years ago. Myths were created by people as they began to weave wonderful stories about gods and goddesses who moved the sun across the sky and twinkled the stars at night. These stories were added to year after year. Some of the first myths were told by the ancient people of Phrygia in Asia Minor. They believed that the most important goddess was Cybele, the daughter of Heaven and Earth, and she was considered to be the mother of all the gods. Once a year the people of Phrygia held a festival to honor her. This may have been the first celebration to honor a mother.

The Greek people also had a powerful goddess who was the mother of all the gods, and she was called Rhea. Likewise, the Romans had a mother of all the gods, and she was Magna Mater, or Great Mother. A temple on the Palatine Hill in Rome was built for her. Each year, on March 15, there was a three-day celebration to honor her, and it was called the Festival of Hilaria. Gifts were brought to the temple to please this powerful mother-goddess.

With the coming of Christianity, a celebration was held to honor the "Mother Church." On the fourth Sunday in Lent, people brought gifts to the church where they had been baptized.

During the Middle Ages another kind of celebration began. Since many children had to leave home to earn money, and they were only allowed one holiday a year, it was on the fourth Sunday in Lent that the children went home to see their mothers. This was called "a-mothering", and thus the custom of "Mothering Sunday" was started.

When the first settlers came to America, they didn't have time for many celebrations, so Mothering Sunday was not continued until 1872.

The first suggestion for a Mother's Day in America was made by the famous writer, Julia Ward Howe. However, no one took her suggestion seriously. Other people, such as Mary Towles, a teacher in Henderson, Kentucky, suggested that her pupils plan a musical program for their mothers.

A woman named Anna Jarvis is considered the real founder of Mother's Day in America. She was born in 1864 and lived in Grafton, West Virginia during her youth. The Civil War had just ended when Anna was only one year old, yet there was still much hatred among families in West Virginia. Anna heard her mother say many times that she hoped "sometime, somewhere, someone will found a Mother's Day." She was convinced that if the family honored their mother on a special day, the fighting and hatred would end.

When Anna's mother died, Anna made a promise to herself that she would be the "someone" to make her mother's wish come true. At her request the minister in Grafton, West Virginia, held a Mother's Day service on May 12, 1907, and this service is remembered as the first Mother's Day celebration in the United States.

Anna continued to write letters in support of a national Mother's Day on the second Sunday of May, and by 1909, almost every state was celebrating this special day. On May 9, 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation declaring the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day in every state.

Anna continued to write letters and give speeches, and she organized the International Mother's Day Association. Before she died in 1948, her idea had spread around the world, and more than forty countries were observing Mother's Day.

Motherhood celebrated in many ways

MOTHER'S Day is celebrated in many different countries, and not all of them celebrate it on the same date nor in the same manner. Norway observes Mother's Day on the second Sunday in February, and in Argentina, it's the second Sunday in October. Lebanon celebrates Mother's Day on the first day of spring, and in South Africa, it's the first Sunday in May.

In parts of Yugoslavia where the Serbian people live, Mother's Day is called "Materice", and it is observed two weeks before Christmas. On "Materice" boys and girls tiptoe into their mother's bedroom very early in the morning and tie her up. When she awakens, she is surprised to find herself all tied up, and she begs the children to untie her, promising to give them little gifts which she has hidden under her pillow.

In India, the Hindu people celebrate a ten-day festival called Durga Puja early in October. It is to honor Durga, the Divine Mother. Durga is the most important of all Hindu goddesses in India. She is supposed to be very tall and to have 10 arms. In each arm she carries a weapon to destroy evil.

In both Spain and Portugal, Mother's Day is closely linked to the church. The eighth of December is the day that tribute is paid to the Virgin Mary, Mother of Jesus. It is also the day when children honor their mothers.

Mother's Day in France is celebrated much like a family birthday, and it occurs on the last Sunday in May. The entire extended family gathers around the family dining table for dinner, and at the end of the meal a beautiful cake is presented to the mother.

Sweden also has a family holiday on the last Sunday in May. Shortly before Mother's Day the Swedish Red Cross sells tiny plastic flowers. The money from these "Mother's Flowers" is used to give vacations to mothers with many children.

In Japan, Mother's Day is celebrated on the second Sunday in May as it is in North America. An exhibit of pictures drawn by children between the ages of six and 14, called "My Mother" are entered into a "traveling exhibit." This exhibit is held every four years, and it travels to many different countries. By looking at the pictures, boys and girls learn how children live in other parts of the world.

From the largest countries to the smallest, people almost everywhere celebrate Mother's Day. The days and the ways maybe different, yet the idea is still the same - to honor mother in some special way.

For the love of Mom

MOM'S favorite daily companion, yellow gold rosary with pearl beads.

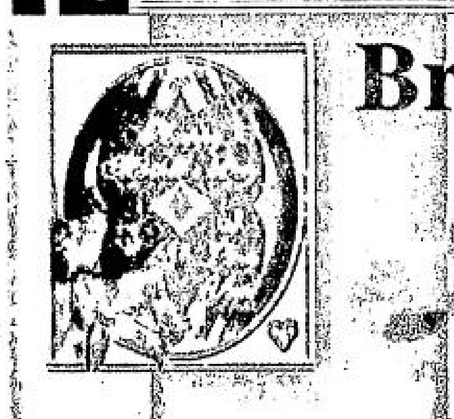
ON MOTHER'S Day show mom how much you love and care for her by giving her gifts she wished she had. For its beauty and permanence, a jewelry piece is a suitable gift for mom on a special occasion as Mother's Day.

Make mom's wish comes true. Ocampo's Gemologists and Jewelers offer a wide array of jewelry pieces mothers will surely love to have.

Isn't now the right time to replace mom's old pair of earrings? Has mom ever received a set of diamond earrings and ring? How about a bracelet or necklace in white or yellow gold for her? Does mom's wedding ring need repair? Or has she lost it and would like the same to be replaced?

All these questions will be answered as you accompany Mom to any of Ocampo's jewelry stores located at Rustan's Mall, Cubao, Quezon City; SM Megamall Building B. Edsa, Mandaluyong City; 2/F Glorietta I, Ayala Center, Makati City; Ocampo Bldg., Plaridel St., Angeles City and G/F SM San Fernando, San Fernando, Pampanga. Ocampo's has other services to offer like watch repair, free cleaning of a jewelry piece for every purchase, resetting of jewelry and appraisal.

Cherish your moments with mom while there is still time for her to appreciate your love and concern.



Breakfast in bed, Mom?

ACTIVITIES to honor mothers is different for each country or even for each family. Some children make breakfast for their mothers and serve it to them in bed when they awaken on Mother's Day. Others make little gifts, buy special cards, flowers, or gifts. Dinner is prepared by children as a surprise or mother is taken out to eat for her special day.

Churches hold special services to celebrate Mother's Day, and Flower Shows are celebrated around North America.

A mother does not have to be the woman who gave birth to you. There are many women who are still considered a mother to someone even though they did not give birth to them. Also, there are women who have never given birth to a child, yet they mother other children or even their pets. Thus, they too should be honored on Mother's Day. Sending flowers, cards, or gifts to those who have mothered us throughout our growing years is a very special way of saying thank you.

Johnsons Baby Mother's Day Celebration

GAMES, prizes and other give-aways are in store for those joining Johnsons Baby Mother's Day today at the on-going 6th Everything for Babies and Kids Trade Fair 2001 at Megatrade Hall 2, SM Megamall Building 2.

Johnson & Johnson is a major sponsor of the trade fair, while ABS-CBN and Philippine Health Food Center are special and minor sponsors, respectively.

To make Mother's Day truly meaningful, Johnson & Johnson has lined up a wide array of activities. For young or new mothers, there will be lectures by midwives on various baby topics.

For the whole family, there will be games every two hours, with prizes and surprises in store for winners. Moms don't have to worry, too, about their babies or kids being fidgety. There's Johnsons Baby play area for them to play or romp around.

And for that souvenir photo on Mother's Day, there's the Mommy-Baby Photo Center. To Moms out there, don't forget to bring any Johnsons Baby product. The first 100 moms to bring any product will have the opportunity to be photographed with her baby for free, with the photos theirs to bring home and keep, also free of charge.

Finally, from 4-6 p.m., moms and the whole family will be treated to a show to be hosted by guest celebrities. Admission to the trade fair is free.

SMART IDD

The first person you ever called out to was your Mama.

Call out to her this Mother's Day, even if she's miles away.

With Smart IDD, you don't have to let mom wait before you wish her a Happy Mother's Day. Because for 40¢ a minute to over 150 countries around the world, you won't find a better way to let her know how valuable she is.

Just dial 00 + Country Code + Area Code + Telephone Number. For SMART GSM celfones only. Applicable to the following destinations: Albania, Algeria, American Samoa, Andorra, Angola, Anguilla, Antigua, Argentina, Aruba, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Azores, Bahamas, Bahrain, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bermuda, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia, Botswana, Brazil, British Virgin Islands, Brunei, Bulgaria, Burundi, Cameroon, Canada, Cayman Islands, Central African Rep., Chile, China, Christmas Islands, Cocos Islands, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Rep., Denmark, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Faroe Isl., Finland, France, French Antilles, French Guiana, French Polynesia, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Gibraltar, Greece, Greenland, Guadaloupe, Guam, Guatemala, Guinea Rep, Hawaii, Hong Kong, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Latvia, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macao, Macedonia, Madeira, Malawi, Malaysia, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Moldova, Monaco, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Netherlands Antilles, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Reunion Isl., Romania, Ross Island, Saipan/Mariana Isl., San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Slovak Rep., Slovenia, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, St. Kitts, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Thailand, Trinidad & Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Turks & Caicos, U.S. Virgin Islands, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States of America, Uruguay, Vatican, Venezuela, Yugoslavia, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Don't think, just call!

SMART IDD

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a minute

Johnson & Johnson pays tribute to the caring mom.

Pagmamahal

Sa kanya natin ito unang nadama.

Isang walang-hanggang pasasalamat para sa kauna-unahang tao
na nagpadama sa atin ng walang-sawang pagmamahal,
mula nang tayo'y isilang, nagkaisip hanggang nagka-anak.

Happy Mother's Day
mula sa

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Sun Protection tips from Johnson's baby lotion UV protection SPF15

When you bring baby out for a walk, choose the right time for taking that stroll. Avoid exposing baby to the sun from 10 in the morning to 2 in the afternoon, because these are the hours when the sun is hottest and can do most harm to baby's sensitive skin. Before you even step out of your house, protect your baby's skin with **Johnson's baby lotion UV protection SPF15**. *It gives 15 times more protection from harmful UV rays, the level recommended by dermatologists.*

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Johnson's baby lotion UV protection SPF15
Baby's gentle protection from UV rays.

Best for baby, best for you.

Doctors agree: The time to protect baby from UV rays is now

OUR elders have told us that it is healthy for babies to have a little "sunning" in the morning. However, many mothers are not aware that too much exposure to the sun could cause damage to a baby's sensitive skin. Just how much exposure can we give our babies before it becomes damaging to their skin? Can exposure during infancy or childhood leave any lasting or damaging effects on the skin?

The damage caused by the sun is permanent and cumulative, says Dr. Marie Socouer L. Medina-Oblepias of the Reasearch Institute for Tropical Medicine, as she underscores the importance of sun protection, especially in children. "Many of the sun's worse effects do not appear until later in life," she says. That's why moms should take all the necessary care and precaution to protect a child's skin from the damaging effects of the sun starting from infancy.

The sun's damaging effects can be short term, and bring about sunburn freckles, tanning, photoallergenic dermatitis and immunosuppression or decreased activity in the child's immune system. It could also leave long-term and more severe effects, like hyper-pigmentation, sagging and roughness of the skin. Among the more disturbing yet of easily manifested effects are skin cancer and photo-aging. Research has shown that excessive sun exposure during the first 10 to 20 years of life can significantly increase a person's chances of acquiring skin cancer. "Ever one or two blistering sunburns during childhood may double the risk of melanoma later in life," Dr. Medina-Oblepias says. This information becomes a serious concern when one remembers that children are most often exposed to the sun, and can get triple the annual sun exposure of adults. Yet mothers have always been so trustful of the sun, and have taken little precaution to shield their children's sensitive skin from the sun's rays.

"Sun protection should begin in infancy and continue throughout life," says Dr. Medina-Oblepias. While out mothers and grandmothers have told us that is good and healthy to expose babies to the sun, today, Dr. Medina-Oblepias encourages pediatricians to tell mothers to protect their babies by avoiding sun exposure, especially to the mid-day sun from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Most especially, mothers should consider the use of sunscreen as pediatric preventive healthcare.

In response to the need of babies for sun protection, Johnson and Johnson has introduced Johnson's Baby Lotion UV Protection. It has SPF 15, the level of UV protection recommended by dermatologists for daily use, to give babies' skin 15 times more protection than unprotected skin. It is Clinically Proven Mild and has gentle and nourishing moisturizers to maintain the softness and smoothness of baby's skin while protecting it from UV rays.

With the softening and protecting qualities of Johnson's Baby Lotion UV Protection, mothers can take their babies for a walk with confidence and the peace of mind of knowing that they are lovingly protected by the lotion that best cares for babies' skin – Johnson's Baby Lotion UV Protection. Apply daily to give your baby year round protection from UV rays.

Nothing touches as deeply as a mother's loving touch

Touch...the mother of all senses

TOUCH is the first sense that awakens in every child. Even before he is born, millions of touch receptors start to connect a baby to his mother. Surrounded by warm fluids and tissues in the womb, a baby's sense of touch is activated from the beginning of his fetal life. Perhaps this is why it has been called "the mother of all senses." And rightly so, for touch is so powerful that this single, almost effortless motion can leave a lifelong effect on a child's life.

The power of touch

When a baby begins to move in the womb, and the Mommy starts to caress her unborn child... for a brief yet magical moment, the baby stops, as if recognizing the love in that touch...a touch that assures him there is someone who loves him and is waiting for him.

When a baby is sick and crying, a mother's soothing touch on baby's brow, or her hand wrapped around his little fingers works wonders like no medicine in the world can. And the baby is calmed, relieved, soothed of his discomfort and pain. She carries him and rocks him to sleep, singing to him a lullaby. And the baby cuddles close, warm and comforted in his mother's loving arms.

Even working mothers have experienced how the power of touch help them bond with their babies. After the long hours at work, her loving touch reconnects them and reassures baby of her love. In many researches on touch, mothers have expressed strong sentiments on its power to strengthen the mother-baby bond. "I take my baby in my arms, stroke his back, and massage him, and instantly, this skin-to-skin contact erases the hours that we have been apart."

"I massage my baby every day, and I know that this not only helps his little muscles grow stronger, it also brings us closer to each other," mothers have declared in similar studies.

So powerful is a mother's loving touch that it leaves a child with both physical and emotional benefits. Stroking and caressing a frightened child can calm his fears, or ease his pain. Experts will even tell you that the way a mother touches her baby today could shape the kind of person he can become someday.

Johnson's Baby and your touch

Recognizing the power of a mother's touch to soothe, to heal, to strengthen, to teach, to love... Johnson's Baby has been a partner in helping mothers express all these beautiful feelings, thoughts and lessons through its many mild and gentle baby products. With every mother's gentle stroke, *Johnson's Baby Powder* has helped ease the anxieties of separation, with every massage, *Johnson's Baby Oil* has helped many little muscles grow strong and firm, with every caress of *Johnson's Baby Lotion* and *Johnson's Baby Bath*, mommies and babies have bonded more closely together.

Truly, nothing touches a child more deeply than a mother's loving touch. The power of this touch and Johnson's baby products have expressed a language of love that babies will feel, understand and carry with them forever.

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For all the love that you have given
The understanding you have shown
For all the tears that you wiped dry
And all the laughter and the smiles...
For everyday, just being there
Thank you Mommy...
for your special care.

Johnson's baby *invites you to*

Thank you Mommy...

you touch my world with love.

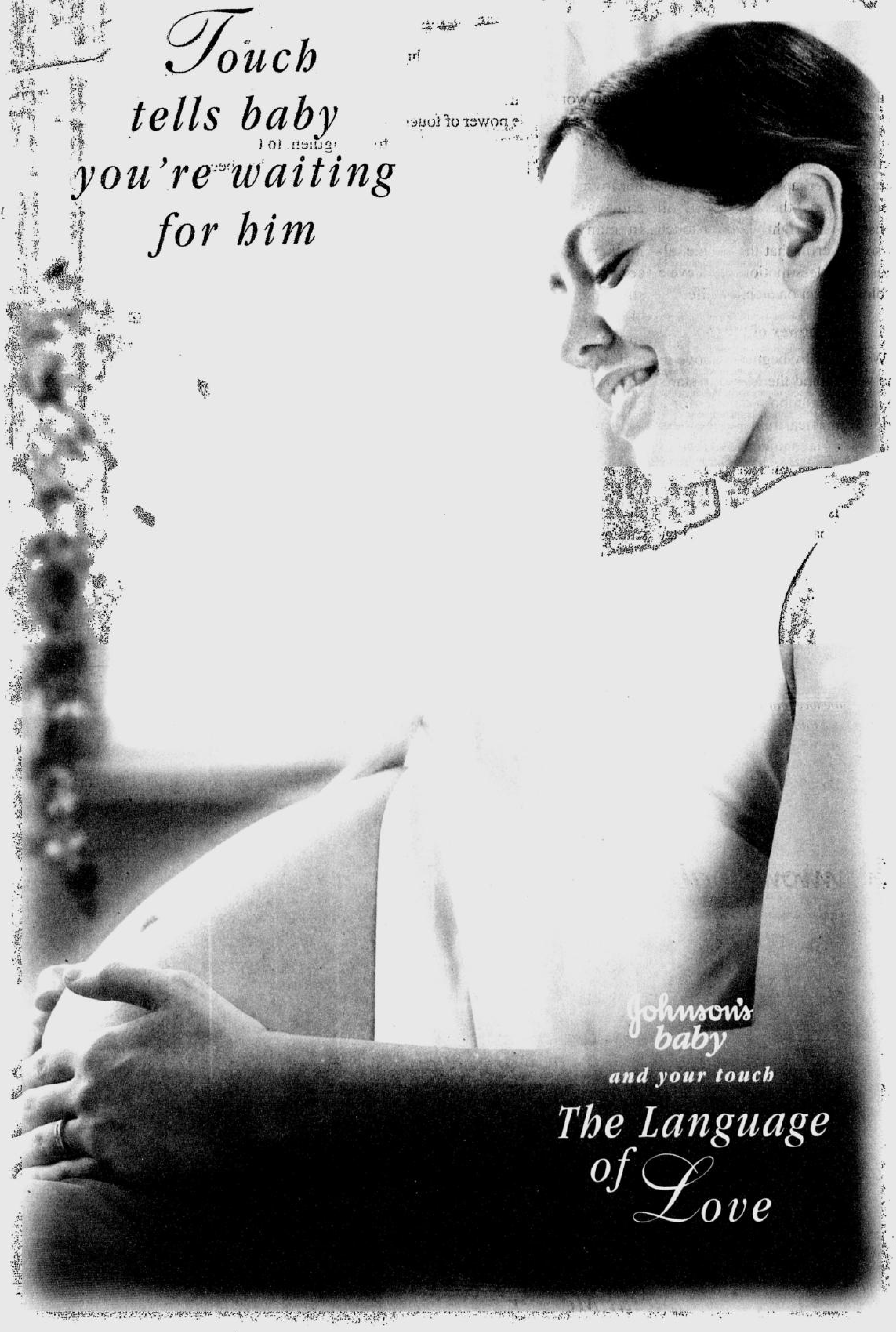
A Special Mother's Day Celebration on May 13

Glorietta Activity Center • SM Megamall Hall 1 • Robinson's Place Manila

- Learn helpful baby care tips at the different activity booths
- Win exciting prizes for Mommy and the whole family
- Join Mommy for a FREE special Mother's Day photo
- Cap your day with a fun filled variety show

Activity booths open at 10:00 am. Variety shows starts at 4:00 pm.

DON'T MISS THIS GRAND CELEBRATION!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The Language
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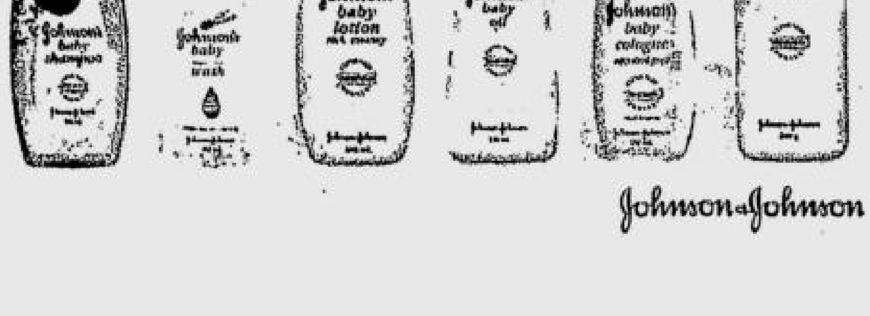
Johnson's baby *believes Touch is invaluable. It speaks to baby of your love, even before he is born. In his safe, secure world inside your womb, he hears your voice and feels your touch...He feels your quiet joy...as you longingly wait for him.*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PROTECTION TIPS FOR CARING *Moms*

Sa likod ng isang mapagkalingang ina ay mga bagong kasama sa pag-aalaga.

As your new child-care partner, the New Band Aid Brand Protection Line shares with you some helpful tips in giving your active and playful kids complete protection from wound infection.

Being a mother, it is but natural for you to feel great tension whenever you see your child trip while running around the park, fall from his bike, or worse, get hurt because of playing with a sharp object. Whenever accidents like those happen, you still try to stay calm and in control even at the sight of your child getting hurt. So it is very important that you know what to do. Otherwise, nothing could be uglier than the sight of two people crying after an accident - your child and... yourself. Here are some useful tips on how to calm your crying child,to treat his wound, to protect him from infection, or better yet, to prevent accidents in the first place.

How to prevent accidents at home.

- Arrange your furniture in such a way that they cover electric sockets from your child's view.
- Make windows inaccessible to kids.
- Never leave your front door open.
- Don't let small kids open the door for guests.
- Make sure door knobs are out of reach of toddlers.
- Never let the floors get cluttered with toys.
- Tell your kids not to play inside the kitchen or at the stairs.
- Wipe up spills on the floor immediately.
- Throw broken glass or sharp-edged cans straight into waste baskets.
- Never let kids rummage in the waste can.
- Keep heavy, breakable and sharp objects out of reach of children.
- Put a big gap between chairs and tables to prevent kids from climbing up on them.
- If you have toddlers, get rid of tablecloths. A small kid may use them to bring himself up, which may make the object on the table fall upon his head.
- Make matches and lighters inaccessible to kids.
- Buy only toys that do not have sharp edges or made of thin, rigid plastic.
- Keep toys in a big box. Throw away broken ones.
- Never leave your toddler alone in the bathroom.
- Keep bathroom hazards such as razors, nail scissors, toilet cleaners or medicines in a cabinet that kids can't reach.
- Most importantly, teach your kids basic safety rules.

How to keep your child calm after a minor accident.

- Show your child that you are in control. Make him feel that you are there to take care of him.
- Do not scold or spank him for the accident that happened.
- Do not ask him questions that may make him remember what happened to him.
- Draw his attention away from his wound. Tell him stories about "being brave".
- Tell him that the pain will soon pass because you are there to treat him.

How to treat your child's wound and prevent infection.

- Make your child sit or lie down, with the injured part raised.
- If there's light bleeding, firmly press on the wound with a clean pad, cotton or handkerchief.
- Then, follow the "clean, treat and cover" process.
- First, get a basin with water, a small towel and soap. Gently clean the wound.
- Disinfect the surrounding area of the wound by dabbing it with cotton and isopropyl alcohol.
- Apply a small amount of antiseptic cream on the wound to kill germs that may cause infection.
- Then cover it with a plastic strip to prevent dirt and germs from coming in.
- If there's an embedded object, do not attempt to remove it as you may cause further injury and bleeding. Just put a piece of gauze pad over the wound and secure it with a bandage tape. Then, take your child to the hospital.

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Young kids are naturally active and playful, that's why minor accidents at home may happen more than once or twice,or more often than you think. So it is very important for you to know the essential steps that you should take in times of accidents. You should also learn to judge if an accident is minor or major. So make a list of numbers of nearby hospitals and clinics, and keep it handy for emergencies or major accidents.

In giving your childcomplete protection, you can always turn to your new-found child care partner, the New Band Aid Brand Protection Line. Its products can help save your child from infection, heal his wound faster and get him back on his feet again. But then, of course, nothing can beat your brand of caring. Nothing can beat the healing wonders of "a mother's kiss."

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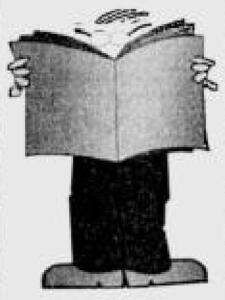

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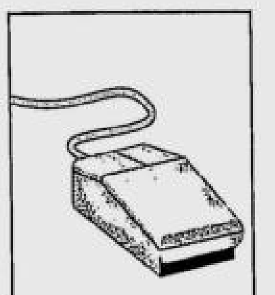

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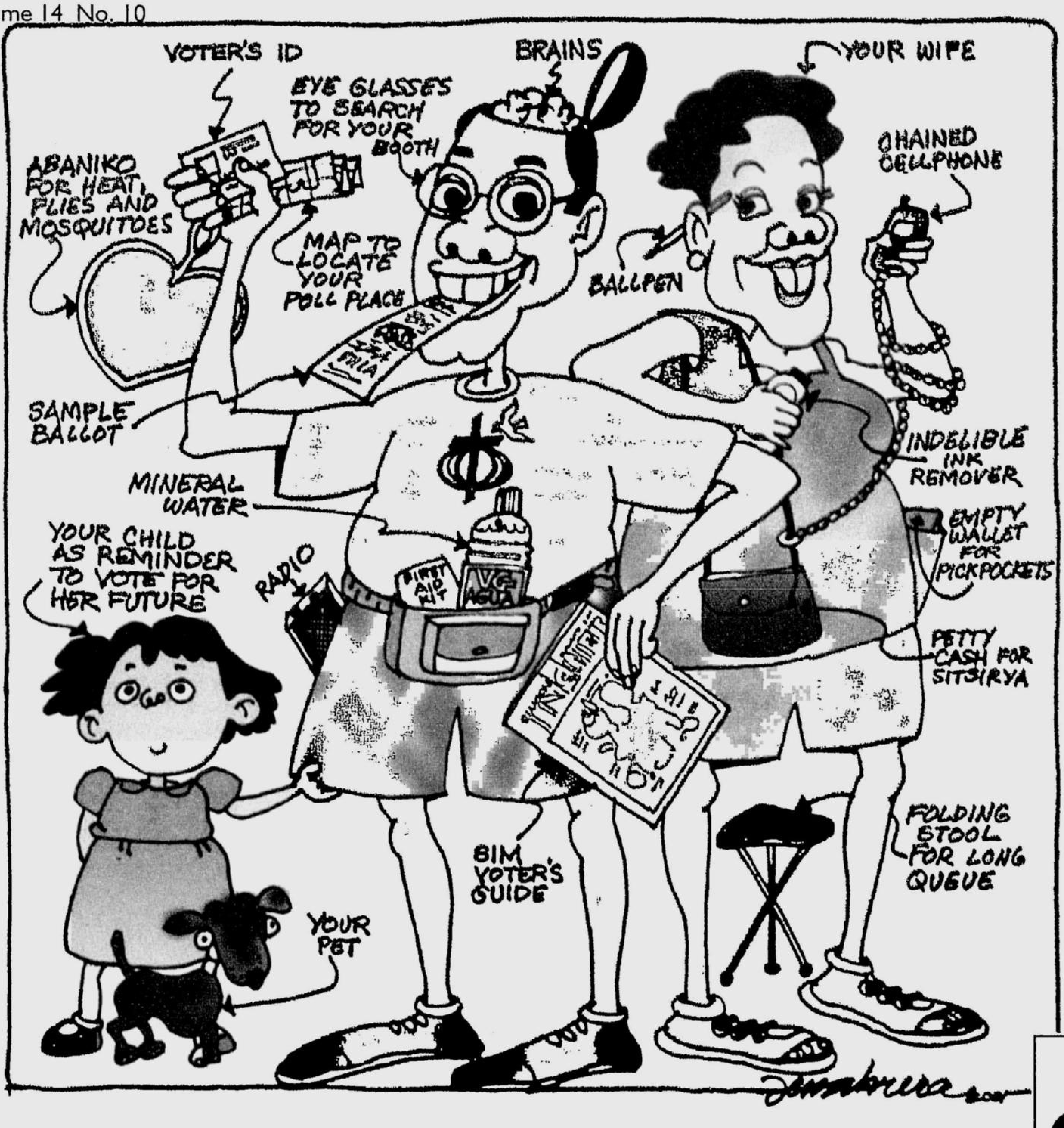
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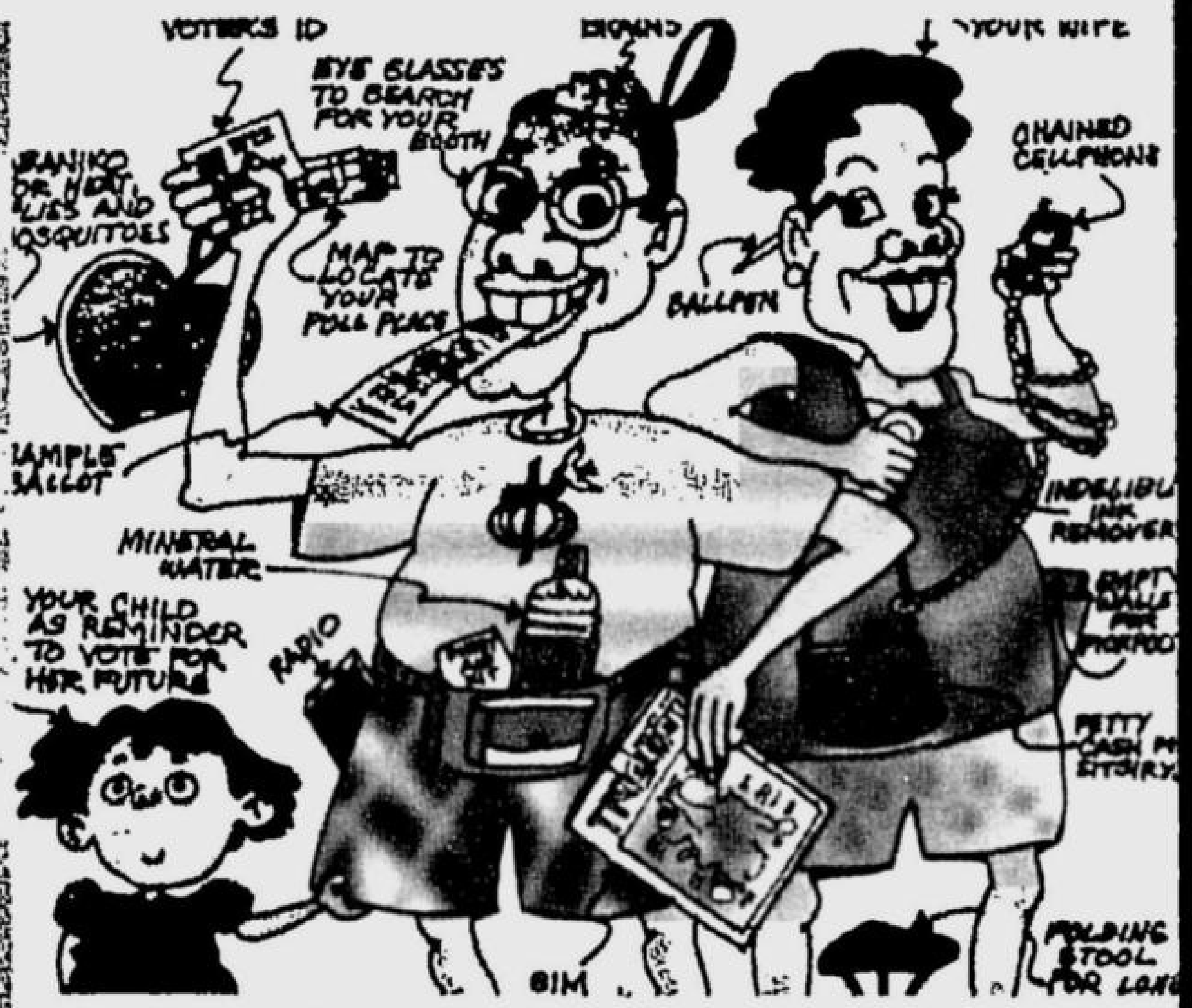
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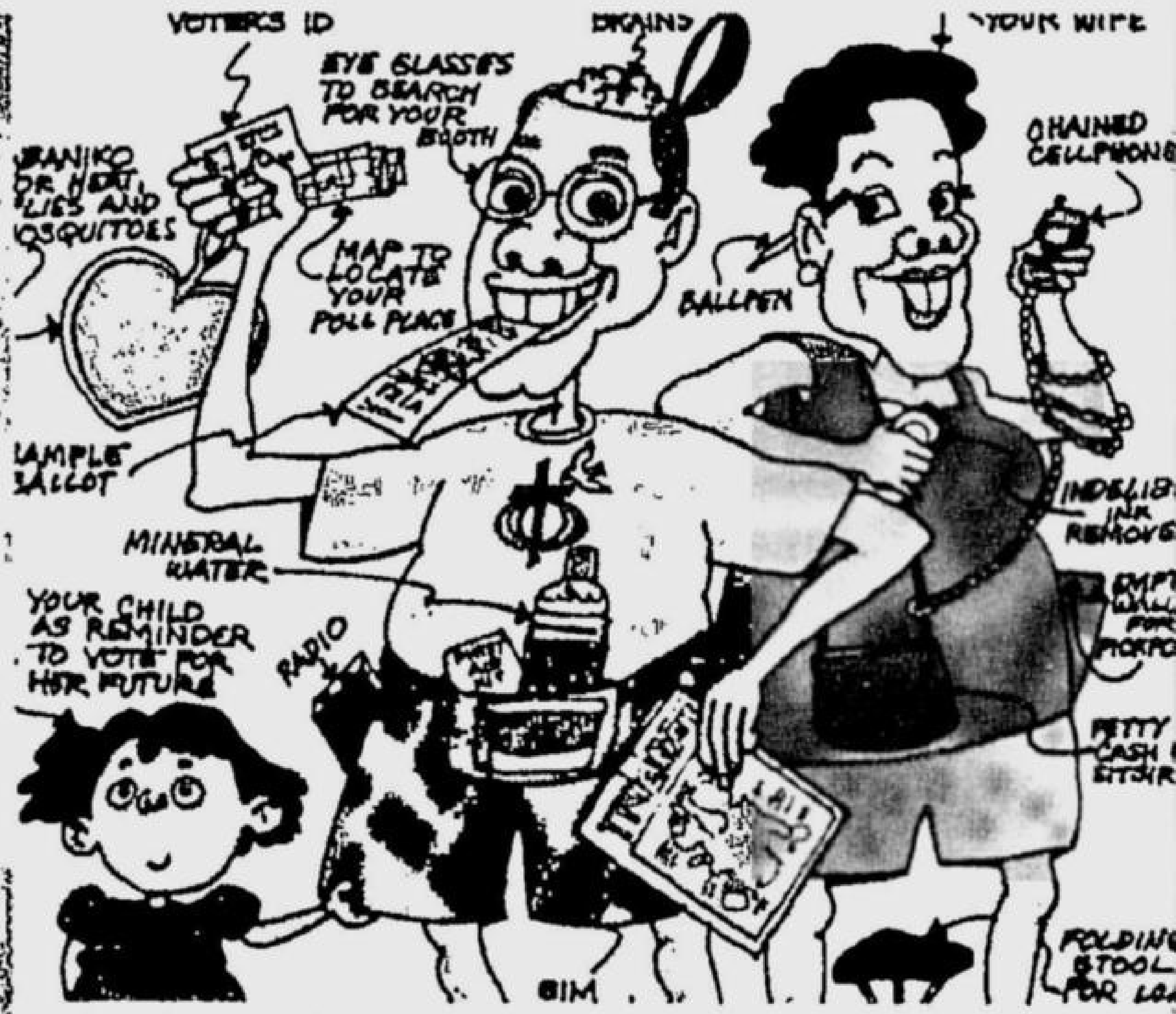
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Do you really know how to exercise your right of suffrage? The National Movement for Free Elections (Namfrel) and SIM take you through the process step by step

Voting 101

Now's the time to do your part to enhance the democratic process. Get out there and vote tomorrow, May 14. You have no excuse: voting hours start at 7 a.m. and end at 3 p.m. Make sure to check your name and precinct assignment before proceeding to the polling place to avoid confusion and delay. Or you can scan your voter's information sheet from Comelec. This flyer, distributed house to house early this month, carries the names and precinct assignments of each household's registered voters. You may also check the voters' list posted at the polling place nearest your barangay just before Election Day.

You're all set to vote. Here's how:

1. Approach the Board of Election Inspectors (BEI) in your precinct and give your name. Be prepared to present some form of identification. Any kind of ID, as long as it has your name and picture, can be used. This includes your voter's ID, your driver's license, your company or school ID.

It is possible, however, that your name was not included in the list of voters even if you were able to register. There are two cases when this could happen:

- The name could be misspelled.
- The Comelec unintentionally neglected to include your name on the list.

In both cases:

- You have the right to submit an application to the proper municipal or metropolitan trial court at any time. The court shall then give an order for the name to be included in the list or for the misspelled name to be corrected.

2. The BEI Chairperson shall then do the following:

- Check your right forefinger for indelible ink
- Announce the serial number of your ballot and enter it into the Voter Registration Record
- Affix his/her signature at the back of the ballot, fold the ballot with the serial number showing, and give the ballot to you.

3. Upon receiving the ballot, you should sign the Voter Registration Record and proceed to the voting booth.

4. Fill up the ballot with your vote We recommend bringing a "*kodigo*" of your choices rather than relying on sample ballots distributed by political party watchers on Election Day. We also recommend voting in alphabetical order by last name. This will help speed up the count because Comelec tally forms and election returns are also printed in alphabetical order, making it easier for the BEI to find names during the counting.

5. After filling in the ballot, fold it and return to the BEI where you will be asked to place your thumb mark on the ballot coupon.

6. The BEI Chairperson will verify the ballot serial number against the number entered in the Voter Registration Record book to see that it is the same.

7. You must then affix your thumb mark in the Voter Registration Record book.

8. The BEI Chairperson will then place indelible ink on your right forefinger and put his/her initials beside your name in the VRR book to signify that you have voted The Chairperson will then detach the coupon which contains the serial number so that your vote cannot be traced back to you. The ballot box will have two compartments. Your ballot will be inserted in the compartment for valid ballots and your coupon will be inserted in the compartment for spoiled ballots.

9. You may now leave the polling place.

10. The casting of votes should start promptly at 7 a.m. and end at 3 p.m. on May 14.

The 3 p.m. deadline is aimed at completing the counting and canvassing of votes before dark. It is common knowledge that ballot box snatching, switching of election returns and other election offenses are usually done under cover of darkness. The names of latecomers shall first be listed in a separate form by the poll clerk. The voters listed shall be called to vote with the announcement of their names three times in the order in which they are listed. Any voter in the

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VOTING BOOTH

Voting for the future: Mother and child inside polling booth

Decisions, decisions . . .
Voters make their choices
inside the polling booth

list who does not respond to the call when it is made shall no longer be allowed to vote.

11. The voter can change or replace his spoiled ballot only twice.

Wittingly or unwittingly, a voter may spoil or deface the ballot given him in a way that it can no longer be lawfully used. If that happens, he can surrender the ballot in folded form to the BEI Chair for replacement. He shall then be given a replacement ballot. Should he spoil or deface the second ballot again, he can return it in folded form and ask for another ballot. No replacement ballot shall be given to him in case he mishandles the third ballot. The restriction on the number of ballots that a voter can use or misuse is necessary to make sure sufficient ballots are available for all the registered voters in a precinct.

12. Any voter can be challenged from voting on the ground that he has committed certain illegal acts.

Even if a voter has satisfactorily identified himself, his right to vote can still be challenged by any voter or poll watcher on the ground that he has committed any of the following acts:

- Received or expects to receive; paid, offered or promised to pay; contributed, offered or promised to contribute money or anything of value as consideration for his vote or for the vote of another;
- Made or received a promise to influence the giving or withholding of any such vote; or
- Made a bet or is interested directly or indirectly in a bet which depends upon the results of the election.

The challenged voter can either admit or deny the commission of the enumerated illegal acts. Admission means being barred from voting. However, should he deny the imputation and insist on voting, he shall be required to take an oath before the BEI. If he refuses to take that oath, the challenge shall be sustained and he shall not be allowed to vote.

Lining up to be counted· Scenes on election day

Poll Prohibitions

List of Prohibited Acts During Elections

According to Article XIII of the Omnibus Election Code, the following are considered violations punishable by law:

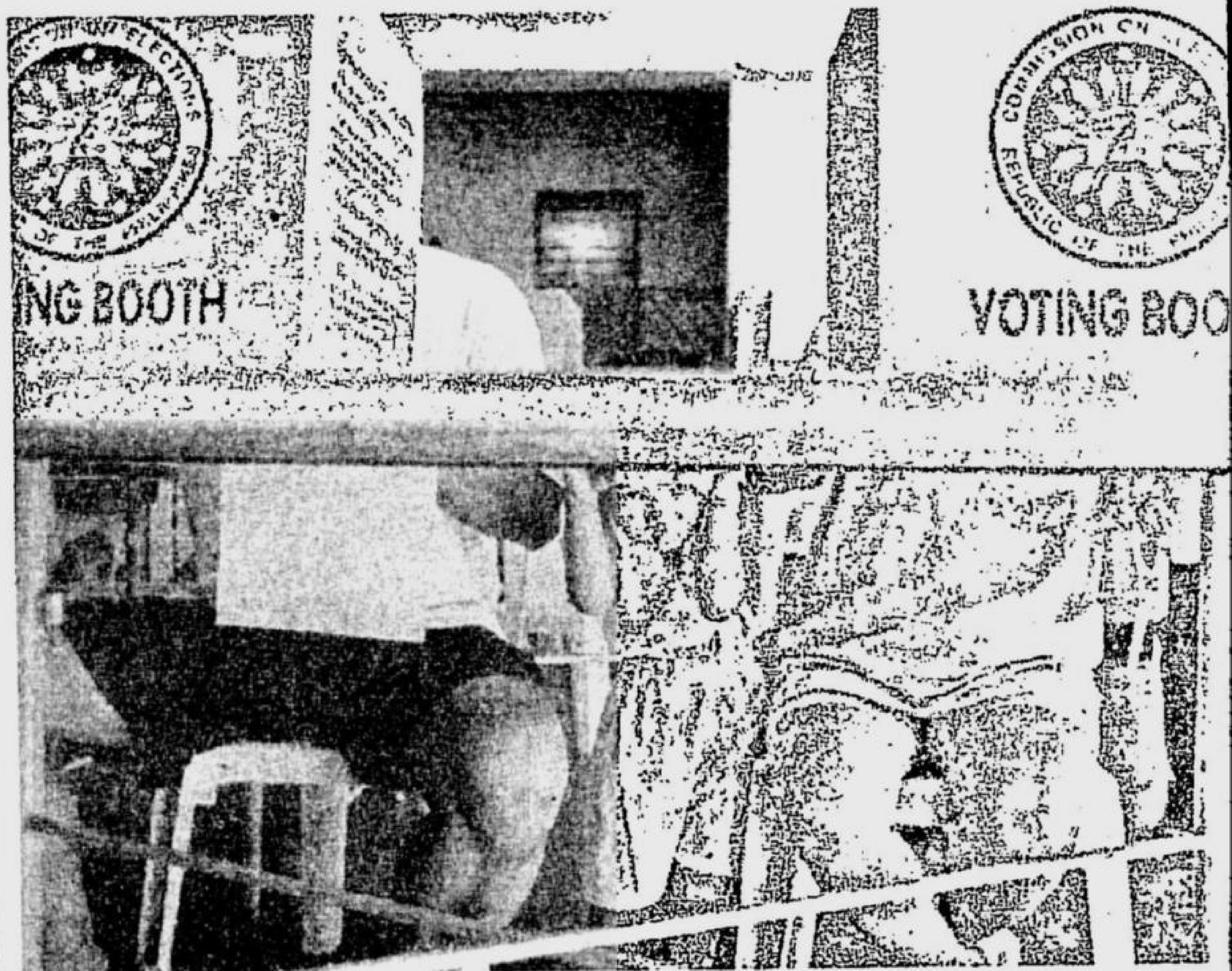
- Vote-buying and vote-selling
- Bribing voters
- Betting on the election results
- Use of force, intimidation, terrorism
- Use of force against election officials or employees
- Meddling by a public official and employees
- Undue influence
- Electioneering
- The use of special police, special agents, secret agents and other such persons
- Possession of dangerous weapons in polling centers
- Possession of firearms (licensed or unlicensed), outside one's residence or place of business during elections
- The use of armored land, water, and air crafts
- Policemen who act as bodyguards or security guards except when ordered by the Comelec
- Organizing strike forces or other such forces
- Failure to register without valid reason
- Falsification of registration documents

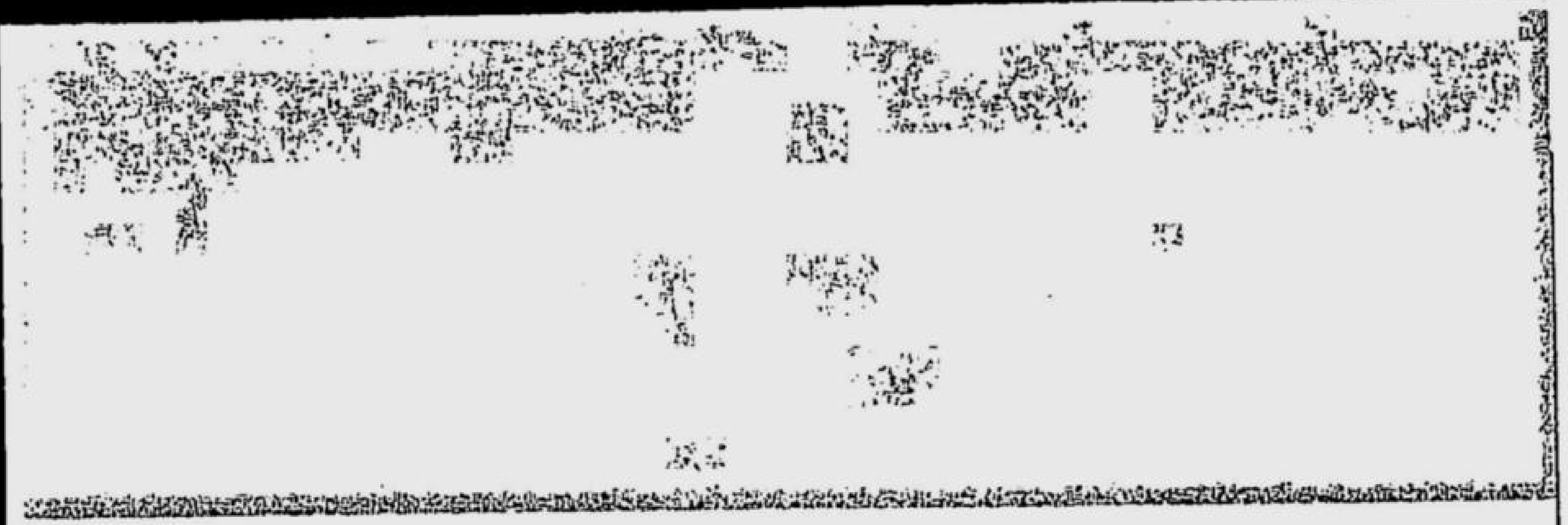
Probihited on election day itself

- Serving, selling, buying and taking of intoxicating liquor
- Giving or receiving free transportation, food, drinks or other things of value
- Holding of fairs, cockfights, boxing, horse racing or similar sports
- Opening of kiosks or small stores of wares and drinks within a 30-meter radius from the polling place

Prohibited until one month after election

- Alteration of territory of existing precincts or establishment of new ones
- Carrying of firearms or deadly weapons, and the use of uniforms, insignias, etc.
- Transfer of assignment of officers and employees in the civil service including public school teachers
- Organization of strike forces or similar groups
- Use of bodyguards or security personnel by candidates
- Suspension of elected officials at the provincial, city, municipal, and barangay levels
- Illegal release of prisoners





SAMPLE OFFICIAL BALLOT

May 14, 2001

Fill out this ballot secretly inside the booth. Do not put any distinctive mark on any part of this ballot

SENATORS

1. ______________________
2. ______________________
3. ______________________
4. ______________________
5. ______________________
6. ______________________
7. ______________________
8. ______________________
9. ______________________
10. ______________________
11. ______________________
12. ______________________
13. ______________________

CONGRESSMAN/ REPRESENTATIVE ______________

PARTY LIST ______________

Select one from among the Political Parties, Sectoral Parties (Labor; Peasant; Urban Poor; Indigenous Cultural Communities; Women; Veterans; Elderly, Disabled; Fisherfolk; Overseas Workers; Youth or Professionals), Organizations or Coalitions enumerated in the certified list posted on the voting booth

GOVERNOR ______________

VICE GOVERNOR ______________

MEMBERS SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN / PROVINCIAL BOARD

1. ______________________
2. ______________________
3. ______________________
4. ______________________
5. ______________________

CITY MAYOR ______________

CITY VICE MAYOR ______________

MEMBERS SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD / CITY COUNCIL

1. ______________________
2. ______________________
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Every **Voter** A Pollwatcher

BECAUSE ELECTORAL FRAUD CAN BE CARRIED OUT AT VARIOUS STAGES OF THE ELECTORAL PROCESS—BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER VOTING—IT IS IMPORTANT TO LEARN FROM PAST ELECTIONS HOW FRAUD CAN BE ATTEMPTED. NAMFREL'S PHILOSOPHY, THAT EVERY VOTER CAN ACT LIKE A POLL WATCHER, WILL DEFINITELY HELP PREVENT ELECTORAL FRAUD. ON ELECTION DAY, YOU WILL SPEND ANYWHERE FROM 20 TO 45 MINUTES LOOKING FOR YOUR NAME AND PRECINCT, LINING UP TO GET YOUR BALLOT, FILLING IT OUT, AND CASTING YOUR VOTE. IN SOME CASES, YOU'D SPEND MORE TIME DEPENDING ON HOW LARGE THE CROWDS ARE AT YOUR POLLING PLACE. DURING THAT TIME, YOU CAN PROTECT YOUR INTEREST AS WELL AS THAT OF OTHER VOTERS BY KEEPING A SHARP EYE ON THE ELECTORAL PROCESS. Here are some examples of electoral fraud committed in the past:

FRAUD BEFORE ELECTIONS

- **Bribery:** Vote-buying; buying abstentions (negative vote-buying), paying people to stay home; promise of jobs, loans, promotions, etc.; paying members of the Board of Election Inspectors to keep them from properly performing their functions.
- **Intimidation:** Direct threats to voters to dissuade or prevent them from voting; threats against the family of the voter; threats against the business of the voter; threats against members of the BEI not to assume their functions.
- **Illegal use of indelible ink**—to prevent a registered voter from casting his ballot, indelible ink is applied to the right forefinger of the voter before he goes to the polling place so he will not be allowed to vote.
- **Kidnapping of voters** and holding them in a place so that they cannot vote, or far from their place of registration or residence.
- **Assigning registered voters to places where they cannot vote** or far from their place of registration or residence.

Carry that weight: Poll personnel carry filled ballot boxes to counting centers

- **Sowing fear and unrest** to discourage people from voting.
- **Spreading false reports** about the withdrawal or disqualification of a candidate to confuse voters.
- **Changing the numbering of polling places and precincts** without notice to confuse voters.
- **Changing the location of polling places** without notice to confuse voters.
- **Marking ballots so they will be considered spoiled ballots.**

FRAUD DURING VOTING HOURS (7 a.m.-3 p.m.)

- **Assuming the identity of another voter** and voting in his or her name.
- **Accompanying a voter to the voting booth to influence** a voter to cast a vote for a particular candidate.
- **"*Lanzadera*"**—This is a form of vote-buying where a blank ballot form is stolen from a precinct and filled out in advance and given to a voter. In turn, when the voter receives his blank ballot from the BEI, he switches the ballots in the booth, returns the pre-filled-out ballot, and exits with a new blank ballot. He turns over the blank ballot to a political party representative in exchange for money and the cycle repeats itself. *Lanzadera* can be difficult to spot because genuine ballots are used. However, in order to prevent it, a poll watcher should make sure that the BEI checks ballot serial numbers at the time of issuance to the voter and again before the completed ballot is dropped in the ballot box. The serial number is recorded in the Voter Registration Record book.
- **The use of carbon** or paraffin or a duplicating device to disclose the contents of a ballot to someone who is buying votes.
- **Delaying delivery of ballots** and other election materials to discourage voters from exercising their right to vote.
- **Disrupting the means of transportation** to polling places on Election Day.
- **Delisting** or transferring of voters from the voters' list at the last minute, preventing voters from finding their correct precinct assignment and voting.
- **Accompanying illiterate or disabled voters and entering votes irrespective of their choice.**
- Forcibly taking or **snatching of ballot boxes.**
- Stealthily or surreptitiously **substituting ballots** during a simulated disorder designed to create confusion in the polling place.
- **Theft or destruction of ballots,** election returns, and other vital election materials.
- **Bribery or intimidation** of members of the BEI to influence their decision on challenges and protests made during voting hours.
- **Stealing, tearing, smudging, or defacing the list of voters** posted at each polling place to prevent voters from finding their names.
- **Delivery of official ballots in excess of authorized quantities.** The excess ballots may be used to "manufacture" votes.
- **Prematurely handing out ballots** or applying indelible ink before the voter's proper time to vote.
- **Flying or Multiple Voting**—This occurs when one person tries to vote more than once, moving around to different polling places or even different municipalities and using different identities or Voter Registration Record numbers. In cases where the multiple listing is discovered in voting lists, flying voters can be prevented from voting by challenging them before the BEI. Another way of preventing flying voters is to check their right forefinger for indelible ink, a telltale sign that they have already voted.

FRAUD DURING COUNTING (after 3 p.m.)

- The counting of votes will take place in every precinct after voting hours close at 3 p.m. Usually, the BEI will take a short break and set up the room and materials for the counting. There are three areas to watch for consistency and proper entry of the results: (a) the accurate reading of the names on the ballot, (b) the accurate tallying of the votes on the tally sheets pasted on the wall, and (c) the accurate recording of the results on the election returns, which are prepared in seven sets and signed by the BEI before they are sent to the Board of Canvassers. **There should be no inconsistency** in the results of the three activities.
- In every precinct, there should be a summary or reconciliation of

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Certified List of Candidates for Senator in the May 14 Elections

The Candidates

Tañada

Magsaysay

Monsod

Arroyo

Herrera

De Castro

Pagdanganan

Yasay

Flavier

Villar

Pangilinan

Sabio

Chato

Morato

Rasul

Ejercito Estrada

Chavez

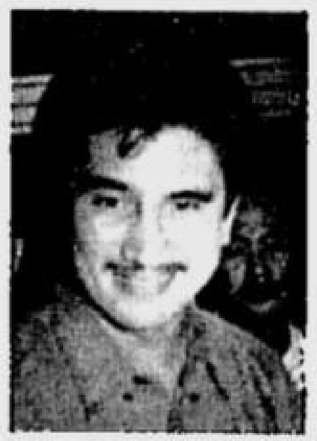
Defensor Santiago

Navarro

ADAZA, Homobono Andoy (Nacionalista Party)
ANGARA, Edgardo Javier (Laban ng Demokratikong Pilipino)
ARROYO, Joker Paz (Lakas NUCD-UMDP)
BAJUNAID, Moner Masmudi (Philippine Democratic Socialist Party)
CANOY, Reuben Rabe (Laban ng Demokratikong Pilipino)
CASIL, Juan Meljar (Kilusang Bagong Lipunan)
CHATO, Liwayway Vinzons (Independent)
CHAVEZ, Melchor Gongora (Kilusang Bagong Lipunan)
DE CASTRO, Noli Leuterio (Independent)
DEFENSOR SANTIAGO, Miriam Palma/Defensor (People's Reform Party)
DRILON, Franklin Magtunao (Independent)
EJERCITO ESTRADA, Luisa Pimentel (Independent)
ENRILE, Juan Ponce (Laban ng Demokratikong Pilipino)
FLAVIER, Juan Martin (Lakas NUCD-UMDP)
GIL, Eddie Conde (Isang Bansa Isang Diwa)
HERRERA, Ernesto Falar (Lakas NUCD-UMDP)
HONASAN, Gregorio Ballesteros (Independent)
LACSON, Panfilo Morena (Laban ng Demokratikong Pilipino)
LOZANO, Oliver Ocol (Kilusang Bagong Lipunan)
MADRIGAL, Maria Ana Consuelo Abad Santos (Laban ng Demokratikong Pilipino)
MAGSAYSAY, Ramon Jr. Banzon (Independent)
MERCADO, Orlando Sanchez (Independent)
MONSOD, Solita Collas (Aksyon Demokratiko)
MORATO, Manuel Lim (Independent)
NAVARRO, Rod Bowers (Independent)
NUEVA, Norma Cruz (Kilusang Bagong Lipunan)
OSMEÑA, Sergio III dela Rama (Partido Demokratiko Pilipino-Lakas ng Bayan)
PAGDANGANAN, Roberto Mamangon (Lakas NUCD-UMDP)
PANGILINAN, Francis Nepomuceno (Liberal Party)
PUNO, Ricardo Jr. Villanueva (Laban ng Demokratikong Pilipino)
RASUL, Santanina Tillah (Independent)
RECTO, Ralph Gonzalez (Lakas NUCD-UMDP)
SABIO, Camilo Loyola (Independent)
TAMANO, Ombra Ayo (Laban ng Demokratikong Pilipino)
TAÑADA, Wigberto Ebarle (Liberal Party)
VILLAR, Manuel Jr. Bamba (Independent)
YASAY, Perfecto Jr. Rivas (Independent)

Recto

Drilon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"PrimeCARE Cash Plan...is really God sent especially when I needed it most! The protection it gave me and the prompt claims service that went along with it are really superb!"

JOSE Z. ISIDRO
Blue Ridge, Quezon City

Mr. Jose Isidro and hundreds of other PrimeCARE policyowners aged 50 to 75 have counted on Manila Bankers Life's cash benefits for help when they're hospitalized.

Now you can collect Double Benefits if you're confined in the Intensive Care Unit.

PrimeCARE Cash Plan pays direct to you: **P2,000.00 daily up to P 730,000.00** if you are hospitalized due to sickness or injury.	Additional cash benefits of **P2,000.00 daily up to P 730,000.00** if you are confined in the Intensive Care Unit.	Plus... **P40,000.00** Maximum Surgical Benefit for every covered surgical operation

Our policyowners know how much extra cash protection they really need when hospitalization strikes:

"I have made my claim and got the services as promised ...Manila Bankers Life keeps its word...service. I have experienced it and I'm glad"

Alberto B. Palomo
Parkway Village, Quezon City

"Very helpful when one gets sick. It really helps especially when hospital bills become so unaffordable. I'm willing to recommend this plan to others because of my recent experience and the efficient service...."

Salud Bellen
Murphy, Quezon City

"I am thanking the PrimeCARE Cash Plan for the benefits I have received. It enabled me to pay my excess amount during my confinement. I hope more people will realize the importance of being insured in this plan."

Rosario Lagdameo
Vinzons, Camarines Norte

"On my very first day of hospitalization, some financial problems cropped up. However, being covered by PrimeCARE Cash Plan, I felt comforted on the assurance that some financial aid was forthcoming, sure enough."

Esteban Llevares
Sogod, Southern Leyte

These comments are from actual letters received from our policyowners. We're proud of the praise this Plan receives, and of the security it gives to the thousands of filipinos who are already enrolled. Return your application today, before the Special Enrollment Period closes

- ☑ **You can't be turned down...your acceptance is guaranteed!**
- ☑ **No medical exams to undergo!**
- ☑ **No health questions to answer!**
- ☑ **Your cash benefits are payable from the very first day of your hospital confinement!**
- ☑ **Full coverage up to age 80!**

SCHEDULE OF HOSPITAL BENEFITS

Cash Benefits	Plan 250	Plan 500	Plan 1000	Plan 2000
Daily Maximum	P250 P91,250	P500 P182,500	P1,000 P365,000	P2,000 P730,000
Daily ICU Maximum	P250 P91,250	P500 P182,500	P1,000 P365,000	P2,000 P730,000
Surgical Maximum	P5,000	P10,000	P20,000	P40,000

SEE HOW LITTLE IT COSTS!
LOW MONTHLY PREMIUMS

AGE	Plan 250	Plan 500	Plan 1000	Plan 2000
50-54	P94.95	P188.95	P378.95	P757.95
55-59	114.95	228.95	456.95	913.95
60-64	134.95	268.95	537.95	1,075.95
65-69	171.95	342.95	685.95	1,371.95
70-75	219.95	438.95	878.95	1,757.95

☑ **Your cash benefits are paid direct to you!**

☑ **Four plans to choose from!**

☑ **Inspect the policy first, send no money now! No risk... no obligation!**

Pre-Existing Conditions.

To keep premiums low, no benefit shall be provided for Hospital Confinement resulting from a Sickness or Injury for which you received treatment, or you have consulted a physician for treatment or you have been taking medications during the 12 months prior to the effective date of this policy until you are free of treatment or consultation or medication for 12 consecutive months.

Several Convenient Ways to Pay Premiums.

Premiums may be paid monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually. Quarterly payments earn a premium discount of 2.5%, 5% discount for semi-annual and 10% discount for annual payments. It is more convenient to pay premiums only once a year. It ensures that the PrimeCARE Cash Plan stays inforce for the whole year.

Who are Eligible to Enroll.

To qualify for these Guaranteed Benefits:

1. You must be between **50 and 75 years old** at the time you enroll for the **PrimeCARE Cash Plan.**
2. You must be residents of Metro Manila, Luzon, Visayas, Davao and Cagayan de Oro.
3. You must send in your enrollment form before the close of the Special Enrollment Period.

Our HOTLINE numbers are available for your questions.

If you have any questions at all before you enroll in the PrimeCARE Cash Plan, please call our hotlines: **812-4406, 840-5585, 816-0604, 812-9457** or our **Toll-FREE No. 1-800-1888-5433, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. weekdays.**

MANILA BANKERS LIFE
INSURANCE CORPORATION

HOW TO ENROLL!

1. Look at the chart to determine the monthly premium according to the plan desired.
2. Complete the Enrollment Form. Be sure all questions are answered.
3. Sign and date the Enrollment Form. Only enrolees are to sign.
4. Clip the completed form and mail it to:

PRIMECARE CASH PLAN
MANILA BANKERS LIFE INSURANCE CORP.
12TH FLR. TMBC BLDG. AYALA AVE
MAKATI CITY

5. Send no money! Just mail the enrollment form. Act now!

For inquiries, call HOTLINES:
840-5585 * 812-4406 * 812-9457 * 816-0604 * 814-0793
For provincial callers, call Toll-Free 1-800-1-888-5433
Or, for faster service, FAX application to:
816-0689 * 816-4593 * 816-0123 * 816-0604
Or E-mail us at: mbdirect@pworld.net.ph

ENROLLMENT DEADLINE: May 23, 2001

PRIMECARE CASH PLAN ENROLLMENT FORM

☐ *YES.* Please send me my PrimeCARE CASH PLAN Policy. I understand that this does not obligate me in any way and that I will have the opportunity to inspect my policy for up to 10 days before I accept it. I understand that the insurance will take effect when my policy is issued and I pay my first premium.

☐ *NO.* I am not interested at the moment. However, I am happy to receive promotional mailings from you. (Please fill-out Name, Address, Date of Birth and Age)

(PLEASE PRINT)

Full Name Mr. Mrs. Ms. ______________________
(Please Circle) *First Middle Last*

Address ______________________
No. Street Town/City

______________________ Tel. No. ______________
Province Zip Code

Date of Birth __________ Place of Birth ______________

Age ______ ☐ Male ☐ Female Height ______ Weight ______

Occupation/Profession ______________________

Company ______________________ Tel. No. ______________

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Please check the Plan you require:

☐ Plan 250 ☐ Plan 500
☐ Plan 1000 ☐ Plan 2000

Applicant's Signature ✓ ______________________

Date ______________________
(SIGN - DO NOT PRINT)

HEALTH QUESTIONNAIRE

	YES	NO
1 Have you consulted any [illegible] for medical treatment, or [illegible] for treatment, or confir[illegible] hospital, clinic or sir[illegible]tion during the past fi[illegible]	☐	☐
2 Have you e[illegible]dvised that you ha[illegible]uble, high blood pre[illegible]cer, diabet[illegible]y or tub[illegible]	☐	☐
3. [illegible] aware of any impa[illegible]nt in your health, or physical condition?	☐	☐

NO NEED TO REPLY - ACCEPTANCE GUARANTEED

I authorize Manila Bankers Life to charge the monthly premiums to my credit card:

☐ Equitable Visa
☐ Bankard
☐ Diners Club
☐ Equitable Mastercard
☐ Any Visa or Mastercard ______________________

Card No. ______________________

Name: ______________________ Expiry Date ______________

Signature ✓ ______________________ Date ______________

NO MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS TO UNDERGO... NO HEALTH QUESTIONS TO ANSWER...

Here's how and why you should fill up that Party List space on your ballot

by Pennie Azarcon-dela Cruz

Primed to Party

ARE YOU A GRADUATE OF HARVARD, YALE, WHARTON OR OXFORD? DO YOU HAVE THE SUPPORT OF EL SHADDAI OR THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO FIRMLY BEHIND YOU? ARE YOU A CLOSE RELATIVE OF AN INCUMBENT POLITICIAN WHO HAS REACHED HIS OR HER TERM LIMIT AND CAN NO LONGER RUN? ARE YOU OR YOUR SPOUSE A MOVIE STAR OR A RADIO-TV PERSONALITY? DO YOU HAVE AT LEAST P50 MILLION TO SPARE?

Probably not. Which means you'll never make it to public office given the dynamics of Philippine politics and its mantra of guns, goons and gold. That is, unless you represent a basic sector and are a nominee under the party list system.

What is the party list system?

The party list system is a provision in the 1986 Constitution (Art. 6, Sec. 5) which seeks to give under-represented sectors a chance to sit in Congress and work for laws that will push the interests of these sectors.

What sectors are we talking about here?

The 12 basic sectors identified by the Constitution are: labor, the peasantry, urban poor, the indigenous cultural communities, the fisherfolk, the youth, women, overseas workers, the elderly, the handicapped, the veterans and professionals.

Why can't these sectors go through the election campaign process like the others?

Because they do not have the resources and political machinery to mount expensive campaigns that so far have limited the members of the House of Representatives to the country's wealthiest 5 percent.

Why is it important to have party list representatives in Congress?

Because so far, the Philippines' House of Representatives has been dominated by a handful of powerful political families and their limited interests. The party list system seeks to broaden and make congressional representation more proportional to the population. It has been noted that marginalized groups—which comprise 95 percent of Philippine society—are hardly represented in Congress because of the prohibitive cost of running for public office. With Congress being more open to different sectors, it is hoped that electoral politics would move towards more comprehensive programs instead of being focused on political parties and personalities. Party list representatives are also deemed to be more familiar with—and therefore more responsive to—the needs of the sector they represent. Being elected nationwide, they have the responsibility to look after the national welfare instead of limiting their vision to the needs of their districts like their congressional counterparts do.

Name game: Voters check out their names and precinct numbers

How safe is the party list system from maneuverings by traditional politicians?

Unfortunately, there is no fool-proof guarantee that *trapos* can't get around the system. In fact, the party list law does not specifically prohibit political parties from participating in this system and some have even propped up dummy or satellite parties to support their own agenda in Congress. But the law's intention is clearly to give marginalized groups a chance to hold public office, an option that political parties already enjoy. Although political parties are allowed to have their own party list nominees, bear in mind that marginalization refers to the historical process of neglect, years if not generations of being left out of policy-making and governance.

So how does one distinguish a genuine sectoral party from a dummy?

It's not easy, but try to get as much background information on a party's list of nominees and their party officers. Are they associated with or known to be supporters of certain politicians? Is their address or contact number the same as those of some political parties? Who are their political patrons?

How many party list representatives are allowed to have seats in the House?

The Constitution provides that 20 percent, or 52, of the total House membership of 260, be reserved for party list representatives.

Are all sectors entitled to a seat in Congress?

No. According to RA 7941 or the Party List System Act, only those party list groups who get at least 2 percent of the total votes cast for the party list are entitled to one seat in Congress. Depending on the total number of votes cast for their group, a party list sector can seat up to three of their nominees in Congress.

What is the term of office of party list representatives?

They are elected for a term of three years, which shall begin, unless otherwise provided by law, at noon of June 30 following their election. No party list representative shall serve for more than three consecutive years.

Will party list representatives enjoy the same rights and privileges as regular members of the House?

Yes. Party list representatives are entitled to the same salaries and emoluments as regular members of Congress.

How will I know which party list group to vote for?

It's up to you to decide which of the 12 basic sectors you want represented in Congress. After choosing a specific sector, you can then choose among the different groups vying to represent that sector from a list posted by the Comelec inside the voting booth. *(SIM has a listing of the 162 registered party list groups on page 11).*

Do you have to be a member of the sector, say a farmer, to vote for this particular group?

No. All you have to do as a voter is to decide which sector and party best addresses your needs and interests.

How do I fill up my ballot with my choice for the party list?

Look at the sample official ballot reprinted on page 5 and note the

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Party Power

Labor Sector
All Trade Union Congress of the Philippines (ATUCP)
All Workers Alliance Trade Unions (AWATU)
Democratic Workers Party (DWP)
Oneway Printing Technical Foundation Inc. (ONEWAY PRINT)
Partido ng Manggagawa (PM)
Pilipino Workers Party (PWP)

Peasant Sector
Alyansang Bayanihan ng mga Magsasaka, Manggagawang-Bukid at Mangingisda (ABA)
Cocofed-Philippine Coconut Producers Federation Inc. (COCOFED)
Federation of Land Reform Farmers of the Philippines (FLRF)
Luzon Farmers Party (BUTIL)
National Confederation of Irrigators Association (NCIA)
National Federation of Small Coconut Farmers Organization Inc. (SCFO)

Fisherfolk Sector
Alyansa ng mga Mamamayan at Magdaragat sa Lawa ng Laguna Inc. (ALYANSA)
People Power Party (PEOPLE POWER)

Urban Poor Sector
Adhikain at Kilusan ng Ordinaryong Tao Para sa Lupa, Pabahay, Hanapbuhay at Kaunlaran (AKO)
Alagad (ALAGAD)
Alternative Approaches of Settlers Advocacy for the Holistic Advancement of the Nation Party (AASAHAN)
Kaloob-Ka Isang Loob Para sa Marangal na Paninirahan (KALOOB)
National Urban Poor Assembly (NUPA)
Organisasyong Kaugnayan Nasyonal sa Pag-unlad (O.K.NAPU)
Sandigang Maralita (SM)
Tapat Foundation Inc. (TAPAT)

Indigenous Cultural Communities Sector
Development Foundation of the Philippines (DFP)
Katribu Mindanao Inc. (KAMI)
Partido Katutubong Pilipino (KATUTUBO)
Tribal Communities Association of the Philippines (TRICAP)

Elderly Sector
Alliance of Retired Postal Employees and Senior Citizens Inc. (ARPES)
Senior Citizens/Elderly Sectoral Party (ELDERLY)

Handicapped Sector
Alyansa ng May Kapansanan sa Pilipinas (AKAP)
Pilipinong Maykapansanan (PINOY MAY K)

Women Sector
Abanse! Pinay (ABANSE! PINAY)
Women Power Inc. (WPI)

Youth Sector
Alliance for Youth Solidarity (AYOS)
Alyansa ng Nagkakaisang Kabataan ng Sambayanan Para sa Kaunlaran (ANAKBAYAN)
Kabataan ng Masang Pilipino (KAMPIL)
Kilos Kabataang Pilipino (KILOS)
Philippine People's Parliament (PPP-Youth)

Veterans Sector
Federation of Sons and Daughters of Philippine Veterans Inc. (LAHING VETERANO)
Veterans Care and Welfare Organization (VETERANS CARE)
Veterans Federation Party (VFP)

Overseas Workers Sector
Ang Bagong Bayani-OFW Labor Party (OFW)
Ang Lakas ng Overseas Contract Workers (OCW)
Gabay ng Manggagawang Pilipino Party (Gabay OFW Party) (GABAY OFW)
Party For Overseas Workers Empowerment and Re-Integration (POWER)
Union of Filipino Overseas Workers (Unifil) Inc. (OCW-Unifil)

Professionals Sector
Alay sa Bayan Para sa Kalayaan at Demokrasya (ABAKADA)
Alliance for Greater Achievements in Peace and Prosperity (AGAP)
Alliance to Alleviate the Socio-Economic and Social Order Inc. (AASENSO KA)
Ang Ipaglaban Mo Foundation (AIM)
Asosasyon Para sa Kaunlaran ng Industriya ng Aklat Inc. (AKLAT)
Chamber of Real Estate and Builders Association Inc. (CREBA)
Philippine Association of Detective and Protective Agency Operators Inc. (PADPAO)
Philippine Dental Association (PDA)
Philippine Medical Association (PMA)
Philippine Society of Agricultural Engineers (PSAE)
Philippine Technological Council (PTC)
Professional Criminologist Association of the Philippines (PCAP)
United Architects of the Philippines (A)

Organizations/Coalitions
A Peaceful Organization Leadership, Friendship, Service Movement (APO Service)
Aabante Ka Pilipinas Party (Sagip-Bayan Movement) (APIL)
Aalagaan ang Ating Kalikasan Nationwide (ALAS)
Aarangkada ang mga Handa Oras-Oras Para sa Bayan (AHOY)
Abante Kilusang Kooperatiba sa Gitnang Luzon (AKK Coalition)
Abay Pamilya Foundation Inc. (ABAYPAMILYA)
Aggrupation and Alliance Farmers and Fisherfolks of the Philippines (AAAFFPI)
Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries Association Inc. (ARBA)
Ahonbayan Inc. (AHONBAYAN)
Alliance for Meritocracy (AFM)
Alliance for Alleviation of National Governance and Trust Party (AKA)
Aluhai Neighborhood Association Inc. (ALUHAI)
Alyansa ng Kooperatibang Pangkabuhayan Party (ANGKOP)
Anak Mindanao (AMIN)
Ang Lakas ng Bagong Kooperatiba Inc. (ALAB)
Angat (ANGAT)
Aniban ng mga Magsasaka, Mangingisda at Manggagawa sa Agrikultura-Katipunan Inc. (AMMMA)
Asa at Samahan ng Karaniwang Pilipino (ASAKAPIL)
Asosasyon ng mga Taga-Insurance sa Pilipinas Inc. (ATIP)
Association of Builders Consultants and Designers Inc. (ABCD)
Association of Philippine Electric Cooperatives (APEC)
Atin (Formerly Abante Bisaya) (ATIN)
Bagong Bayani Organization (Bagong Bayani)
Balikatan sa Kabuhayan Buhay Coalition (BSK)
Bantay Bayan Foundation Party Inc. (Bantay-Bayan)
Bantay Dagat Inc. (BDI)
Bayan na Nagtataguyod ng Demokratikong Ideologiya at Layunin Inc. (BANDILA)
Bigkis Pinoy Foundation (BIGKIS)
Bonding Idealism for National Human Initiative (BINHI)
Businessman and Entrepreneurs Association Inc. (BEA)
Citizens Anti-Crime Assistant Group Inc. (CAAG)
Citizens' Battle Against Corruption (CIBAC)
Citizens' Drug Watch Foundation Inc. (Drug Watch)
Citizens Foundation for the Prevention of Crimes and Injustices Inc. (Citizen)
Citizens' Movement for Justice, Economy, Environment and Peace (JEEP)
Coalition for Consumer Protection and Welfare (Coalition 349)
Confederation of Homeowners' Association for Reforms in Governance and Environment Inc. (Homeowners)
Confederation of Non-Stock Savings and Loan Association Inc. (CONSLA)
Consumers Union of the Philippines (Consumers)
Cooperative NATCCO Network Party (Coop-NATCCO)
Cooperative Union of the Philippines Inc. (CUP)
Council of Agricultural Producers Inc. (CAP)
Demokratikong Ugnayang Tapat sa Sambayanan (DUGTUNGAN)
Federation of Jeepney Operators and Drivers Association of the Philippines Inc. (FEJODAP)
Go Go Philippines Movement (Go Go Philippines)
Green Philippines (GREEN)
Green Philippines Foundation Inc. (GREENPHIL)
Kabalikat (ng Bayan Party) (KABALIKAT)
Katarungan sa Bayan Tagapagtanggol ng Sambayanan (KABATAS)
Katipunan ng mga Bantay-Bayan ng Pilipinas Inc. (KABAYAN)
Kilusan Tungo sa Pambansang Tangkilikan Inc. (KATAPAT)
Luzviminda Economic Development Foundation Inc. (LEDFI)
Mamamayan Ayaw sa Droga (MAD)
Maritime Party (Maritime)
Mindanao Federation of Small Coconut Farmers Organization Inc. (MSCFO)
National Confederation of Tricycle Operators and Drivers' Association of the Philippines ((NACTODAP)
National Council of Community Organizers Inc. (NCCO)
National Federation of Sugar Planters (NFSP)
Nationwide Association of Consumers Inc. (NACI)
Pambansang Samahang Lingkod ng Bayan Inc. (PASALBA)
Pambansang Sangguniang Katipunan ng Barangay Kagawad ng Pilipinas Inc. (Katipunan)
Partido ng Maralitang Pilipino-Pinatubo Party (PMP-Pinatubo)
Philippine Association of Retired Persons (PARP)
Philippine Jury Movement (JURY)
Philippine Local Autonomy Movement Inc. (PLAM)
Philippine Mine Safety and Environment Association (PMSEA)
Philippine Reformist Society (PRS)
Port Users Confederation Inc. (PUC)
Prime Movers for Peace and Progress (PRIMO)
Progressive Alliance of Citizens for Democracy (PACD)

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INSULAR LIFE

Privilege

CLASS PLAN

Ages 50 to 70 yrs. old

No Rejection! • No Health Questions Asked! • No Medical Examinations!

"The best plan for my age! The best pamana for my loved ones!"

Yes, you will always be accepted regardless of your health condition!

Guarantees You . . .

✓ **Up to P2,000,000 Life Insurance Cash Benefits!**

Yes, you get as much as P2,000,000 lifetime protection guaranteed to be yours, regardless of your health condition. That's cash paid directly to your beneficiaries. You are important to us that is why Insular Life designed this plan specially for you!

✓ **Up to P4,000,000 Accident Cash Benefits!**

Privilege Class Plan doubles your life insurance cash benefit to as much as P4,000,000 in case of death due to accident . . . guaranteed full coverage up to age 80!

✓ **No Increase in Premium Rates!**

Your premiums are guaranteed never to increase as you grow older. In fact, on the policy anniversary immediately after your 80th birthday, your premium payments are guaranteed to go even lower!

✓ **Extra Cash for Financial Emergencies!**

After three years of payment, your policy earns cash values that keep on increasing every year. That's cash which you can borrow against your policy in case of financial emergencies!

✓ **No Medical Examination! No Health Questions Asked! No Rejection!**

Insular Life guarantees to accept you, regardless of your health condition. It is so easy, all you have to do is apply! No need to undergo medical examinations, no health questions asked, no complex forms to fill out!

PLUS! **EARNS CASH DIVIDENDS!**

Your **Privilege Class Plan** policy earns cash dividends that allow you to build up your policy benefits. For example, for those aged 50 applying for 20 units, after 15 years your policy's total benefits would amount to as much as two and a half million pesos.

PRIVILEGE CLASS PLAN

TABLE OF BENEFITS,DIVIDENDS AND PREMIUMS

The amount of benefits you will receive is based on your own age when you apply and the number of units you select. These benefits do not decrease as you grow older. The sooner you apply, the more lifetime benefits you get. You may select two, eight, or up to 40 units of coverage. If the insured dies during the first two years of the policy through natural causes, Insular Life's liability shall be limited to an amount equal to all premiums paid plus 10% interest per annum. If the insured dies due to natural causes after (2) years, the full benefit shown in the schedule shall be payable. If the insured dies due to an accident at any time before the age of 80, the amount payable shall be doubled the full benefit shown in the schedule.

AMOUNT OF BENEFITS

The amount of benefits will be doubled in case ofdeath due to accident before the age of 80.

Age	2 units	4 units	6 units	8 units	10 units	20 units	40 units
50	P 100,000	200,000	300,000	400,000	500,000	1,000,000	2,000,000
51	95,560	191,120	286,680	382,240	477,800	955,600	1,911,200
52	91,320	182,640	273,960	365,280	456,600	913,200	1,826,400
53	87,240	174,480	261,720	348,960	436,200	872,400	1,744,800
54	80,440	160,880	241,320	321,760	402,200	804,400	1,608,800
55	76,560	153,120	229,680	306,240	382,800	765,600	1,531,200
56	72,600	145,200	217,800	290,400	363,000	726,000	1,452,000
57	68,600	137,200	205,800	274,400	343,000	686,000	1,372,000
58	64,720	129,440	194,160	258,880	323,600	647,200	1,294,400
59	61,000	122,000	183,000	244,000	305,000	610,000	1,220,000
60	57,360	114,720	172,080	229,440	286,800	573,600	1,147,200
61	53,880	107,760	161,640	215,520	269,400	538,800	1,077,600
62	50,600	101,200	151,800	202,400	253,000	506,000	1,012,000
63	47,520	95,040	142,560	190,080	237,600	475,200	950,400
64	44,360	88,720	133,080	177,440	221,800	443,600	887,200
65	41,640	83,280	124,920	166,560	208,200	416,400	832,800
66	39,080	78,160	117,240	156,320	195,400	390,800	781,600
67	36,720	73,440	110,160	146,880	183,600	367,200	734,400
68	34,480	68,960	103,440	137,920	172,400	344,800	689,600
69	32,400	64,800	97,200	129,600	162,000	324,000	648,000
70	30,480	60,960	91,440	121,920	152,400	304,800	609,600

ADDITIONAL CASH INCOME IN THE FORM OF DIVIDENDS*

e.g. For 20 units of Coverage

	End of year	
Age	10th yr.	15th yr.
50	P 228,219	541,000
51	229,373	541,788
52	230,116	542,126
53	231,291	542,454
54	226,310	528,177
55	227,163	527,617
56	227,474	525,349
57	227,167	521,350
58	226,705	516,649
59	226,053	511,064
60	224,648	503,358
61	222,970	494,782
62	220,738	485,064
63	218,275	474,829
64	214,095	461,485
65	210,437	449,730
66	202,693	429,717
67	135,743	291,822
68	129,158	275,187
69	122,507	258,336
70	115,692	240,956

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FAX NO.: ____
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COMPANY: ____
BUSINESS ADDRESS : ____
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☐ Business Address ☐ Residence Address
OFFICETEL./FAX NO.: ____
SSS/GSIS: ____
TIN : ____
DATE OF BIRTH : (mo/day/yr)___/___/___ Age :___
E-MAILADDRESS: ____
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☐ 4 UNITS ☐ 12 UNITS ☐ 20 UNITS
☐ 6 UNITS ☐ 14 UNITS ☐ 40 UNITS
☐ 8 UNITS ☐ 16 UNITS ☐ OTHER ____
3. I wish to pay my premiums:
☐ Annually ☐ Semi-Annually
☐ Quarterly ☐ Monthly
4. In case of premium default:
I elect (Check one box only)
☐ Automatic Payment of Premium Option
☐ Extended Term Insurance Option
In the absence of such election and should the premium due continue to be in default until the end of the grace period provided in the policy, this policy shall automatically continue in force as non-participating extended term insurance.
5. I wish that the dividends apportioned to the policy, if any, be: (Check one box only)
☐ A. Used to reduce premium
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portion on Party List on its lower left side. Fill up the blank with the name of the party, sectoral organization or coalition of your choice—not the name of a person or the party's nominee.

How shall party list seats be allocated?

The following procedure shall be followed:

1) The parties shall be ranked from highest to lowest based on the number and percentage of votes garnered during the elections, as against the total number of votes cast for the party list;

2) Only a maximum of three seats are allowed per party, at the rate of one seat per 2 percent of votes obtained.

Will any rounding-off mechanism be applied?

No. A party earning only 1.99 percent of total votes cast for the party list shall not be entitled to a congressional seat because the figure will not be rounded off to the required 2 percent.

Will all of the 52 seats be allocated to the party list?

Not necessarily. With the large number of parties running for the party list (162), it is statistically possible that only a few parties will earn the necessary 2 percent of votes that will entitle them to a congressional seat.

Did the party list groups make any difference in the recent Congress?

Yes. Instead of the usual laws acted on behalf of one's own congressional districts (like building waiting sheds and basketball courts and renaming streets), party list representatives trained their sights on a more national constituency. Women's representative Abanse! Pinay for instance, passed laws that directly benefited women, among them: the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act; the Solo Parents Welfare Act; the Anti-Domestic Violence Act; amendments to the Family Code to correct inequities in provisions about conjugal and community properties; an act requiring companies, malls, inter-island vessels and public buildings to set up lactation centers where mothers can breastfeed in private; a law extending the coverage of the Rape Crisis Center act and that of the anti-sexual harassment law, and a law supporting daycare centers.

How did the party list voting work out in the May 1998 elections?

Not too well because voters were not too familiar with this system that was implemented for the first time in 1998. Of the 123 party list organizations registered in 1998, only 13 groups received 2 percent of the total votes cast. Of the 80 percent total voter turnout, only 26.8 percent of registered voters used their party list vote, such that 38 out of the 52 allotted seats in Congress went unfilled.

> *With the large number of parties running for the party list, it is statistically possible that only a few parties will earn the 2 percent of votes that will entitle them to a Congressional seat*

Pinoy NGA!

by Jess Abrera

Dagat

NILAGAY KO YUNG SIPI MO AT SOKOLAYT SA BILAWU
ALA E!
MAG SWIMMING KA TULAD NG IBANG BATA!
MAY INAAPAKAN AKONG GUMAGALAW
PAA KO YAN, E!
ANG DAMING ISDA!
DUDA NA AKO SA KASISISID NITO, AH...
ANO ITONG LUMULUTANG?
EEEEBAK!
DIKYA!
ANG LUWAG NAMAN NG SALAWAL NITO!
AY, PALAKA!
PATING! PATING!
ANG LALIM KO NA... MAGUGULAT NITO SI TATAY!
OO NGA! MAY BALYENA NA, E!
ANG SARAP MAG FLOATING NANG MALAYO SA MGA BATA
Jess Abrera

EVERY VOTER...from page 6

the valid ballots, spoiled ballots, and unused ballots at the end of the voting period. This should tally with the total number of ballots issued at the beginning of the voting period. There should be no discrepancy.

- At the municipal or city Board of Canvassers, the results of all election returns for that city or municipality will be entered into a Statement of Votes Cast. The sum of all Statements of Votes Cast will in turn be entered into a Certificate of Canvass. All the totals must tally with the supporting documents. *Dagdag-Bawas* occurs when totals per candidate on the Statements of Votes Cast or the Certificate of Canvass do not match each other or that of the Election Returns. In these cases, numbers are added to some candidates and shaved or subtracted from the others so that the grand totals for registered voters in the city or municipality remain the same. The scheme is repeated at the provincial Board of Canvassers to magnify the tampering and increase disparities between provincial certificates and election returns.

To prevent *dagdag-bawas*, the following documents must be monitored closely: the Election Returns from the precinct; the Statements of Votes Cast and Certificates of Canvass per City and Municipality, and the Statements of Votes Cast and Certificates of Canvass per province.

PARTY POWER...from page 11

Rebolusyonaryong Alyansang Makabansa (RAM)
Sama-Sama Kaya Natin 'To Foundation Inc. (Kasama)
Sanlakas (Sanlakas)
Security United League on Nationwide Guards Inc. (SULONG)
Sports and Health Advancement Foundation Inc. (SHAF)
The True Marcos Loyalist (for God, Country and People) Association of the Philippines Inc. (Marcos Loyalist)
Tindog Para Han Kabubuwason Para Han Waraynon (Tindog Waray)
Volunteers Against Crime and Corruption Inc. (VACC)

Political Party

Abag Promdi (Promdi)
Akbayan! Citizens' Action Party (Akbayan)
Aksyon Demokratiko (Aksyon)
Alternative Action (AA)
Bayan Muna (Bayan)
Bicol Saro Party (BSP)
Buhay Hayaan Yumabong (Buhay)
Democratic Alliance (DA)
Gabaybayan (GAD)
Laban ng Demokratikong Pilipino (LDP)
Laban Para sa Kapayapaan, Katarungan at Kaunlaran (KKK)
Lakas NUCD-UMDP (Lakas NUCD-UMDP)
Liberal Party (LP)
Nacionalista Party (NP)
National Alliance for Democracy Party (NAD)
Nationalist Peoples' Coalition (NPC)
Organized Support for the Movement to Enhance the National Agenda (OSMENA)
Partido Demokratiko Pilipino Lakas ng Bayan (PDP Laban)
Partido Demokratiko Sosyalista ng Pilipinas (PDSP)
Partido ng Masang Pilipino (PMP)
Partido Para sa Demokratikong Reporma (PDR)
People's Progressive Alliance for Peace and Good Government Towards Alleviation of Poverty and Social Advancement (PAG-ASA)
People's Reform Party (PRP)
Pusyon (Bisaya) Pilipino (PUSYON)
Rizalist Party (RP)
Social Justice Society (SJS)

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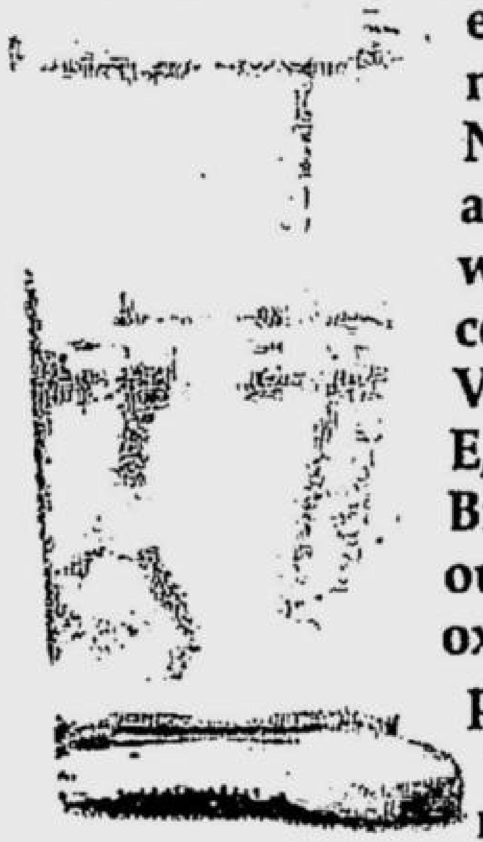

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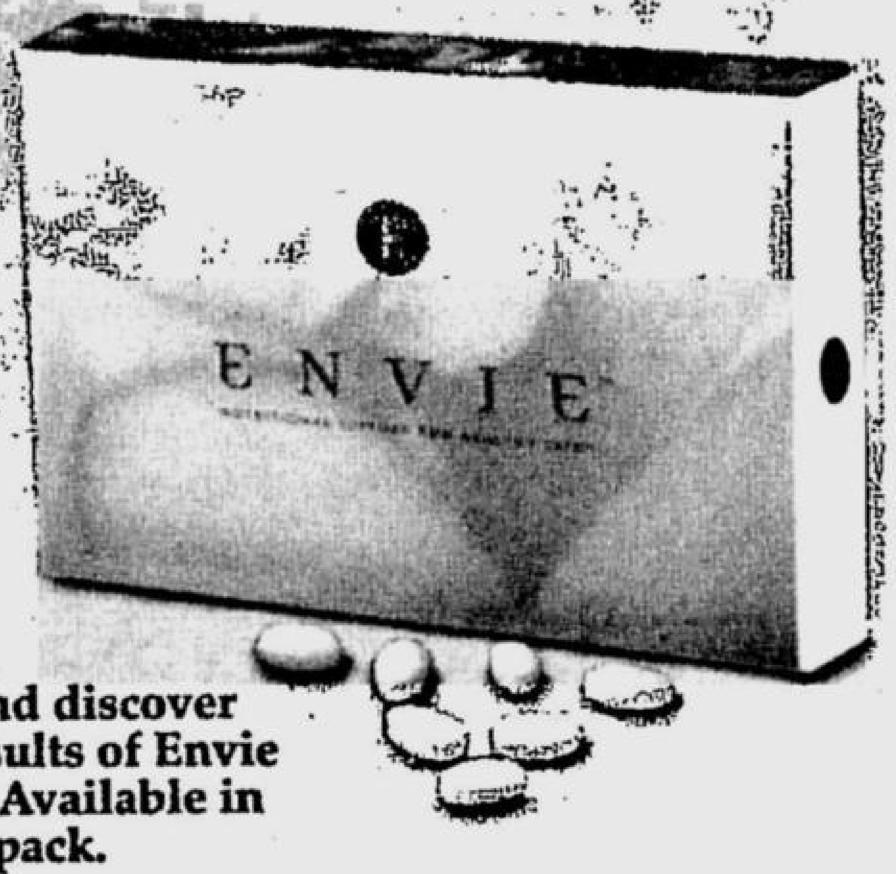

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